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Egyptians underscore settlement opposition

CAIRO, April 1 (R) — Parliament on Tuesday approved the Egyptian government's firm opposition to Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territories and urged continued cooperation with the U.S. to persuade Israel to abandon its settlements policy.

A report by parliament's Foreign Relations Committee said, "We support the Egyptian government's position and welcome its continued cooperation with the U.S. government against Israeli attempts to build new settlements."

The Egyptian government statement to parliament, reported by the official Middle East News Agency said, "Jewish settlements are illegal and obstruct the peace process in the Middle East."

It said Egypt opposed the settlements because they violated the U.N. charter and contradicted the Camp David accords of 1978, which set the framework for peace in the Middle East.

The statement also said Israel made a verbal pledge at Camp David that it would suspend building settlements in the occupied territories during peace negotiations.

Police outsmart crooked genius

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, April 1 (R) — An electronics genius with an I.Q. (intelligence quotient) of 167 was sentenced to 15 years jail here at the weekend for thefts which netted him jewels worth \$135 million.

After the sentence the detective who finally outwitted him told reporters here: "I enjoyed working against such a pro. He's a superb thief. An electronics genius with an I.Q. of 167, and to top it all, he didn't believe in violence. He never carried a gun."

During the past seven years, John MacClean was responsible for burglaries along the U.S. eastern seaboard from Maine to the Florida keys, police said.

Detective Arthur McLellan said: "In the end I think he just stole for the thrill of it. He had everything... a helicopter, a seaplane, a 10 meter offshore racing boat, luxury cars and several homes."

It was while robbing the home of a doctor that MacClean made his big mistake. His special radio warned him that he had tripped a silent alarm and that police were on their way. In his haste to escape, he left the intricate home-made radio behind.

Detective McLellan spent the next four months tracing the radio's crystals back to their manufacturer and was finally able to arrest MacClean.

'Counter Jewish voting power' U.N. adjourns debate

UNITED NATIONS, April 1 (AP) — The U.N. Security Council at 2:32 p.m. Monday adjourned its newly opened debate on Palestine without setting a date for the next meeting.

The U.N. committee on Palestinian rights had asked for the debate in line with a 1979 General Assembly resolution calling for reconsideration of the council by March 31 of the committee's four-year-old plan for a PLO-established Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank of the Jordan River. The United States vetoed the plan in the council in 1976.

Committee chairman Fallou Kane of Senegal, opening the debate, said, "The committee believes that it is high time that the Israeli leaders face the facts and recognize the national rights of the Palestinians."

Committee reporter Victor Ouedi of Malta, in evident allusion to the United States, charged that "the internal politics of influential countries" were a drag on "what must urgently be done in the Middle East."

He asked, "Must we wait for another conflagration before we resume our consultations?"

In Bahrian Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat urged the Arabs to counter the Jewish voting power in the United States.

"The power of a handful of Jewish votes in the American elections exceeds all the Arab influence, Arab petrol and Arab wealth. This cannot go on, the Arab nation must change this and we shall," Arafat said in the Qatar television interview Monday night.

Attempts would be made to bury not just freeze the Middle East issue for the duration of the American elections, he said, adding "this situation must change and we can change it."

Arafat, who arrived in Bahrain Monday night after a brief visit to Qatar in course of a Gulf tour, said the PLO would not accept a "cosmetic" version of the Security Council Resolution 242.

"It (the resolution) is a cancer and no one can make cancer pretty. We are against the 242... We want a new resolution... providing for our right to return, self-determination and set up an independent state on the Palestinian soil," Arafat said.



JUMP: The chair jump claims Sunday's Grand National favorite, "Rubstick" (left) and his falling jockey M. Barnes, alongside "Prince Rock" with Tommy Carmody up in Liverpool.



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

Yamani stresses oil conservation

TORONTO, Canada, April 1 (AP) — Saudi Arabia's oil minister told a conference of Canadian and United States manufacturers that conservation begins at home.

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani criticized wasteful refining methods in consuming countries and said oil-producing countries are not solely to blame for soaring energy costs.

He chided Western consumers for maintaining refining systems that waste two to three per cent of their crude input — losses amounting to between 400,000 to 600,000 barrels of oil a day.

Many existing refinery designs allow production of large quantities of residual fuel oil — produced as residue after production of

premium light products — which is dumped on the market, competing with coal, nuclear power and other fuels at a price below crude, he said.

"As a result of this practice, not only is coal inhibited from attaining its fair share of the market, but also heavy crude oils are in most cases left virtually untapped in their reservoirs."

Sheikh Zaki Yamani warned that existing oil reserves can support current world production for only 30 years, and governments that shield consumers from that reality with price subsidies only have their long-term interest.

"The price mechanism has proven to be the best tool for promoting conservation, provided that customers are not shielded from its direct impact by... price-control measures, sometimes reinforced by consumption subsidies. These policies, which are ostensibly laid down to protect the consumer, will ultimately harm his real interests in the long term."

After Riyadh-Aden talks Diplomatic frontiers open

By Elias Haddad

JEDDAH, April 1 — The visit of South Yemen Foreign Minister Salem Saleh Muhammad to the Kingdom has aroused special interest in Saudi-South Yemeni relations.

South Yemen, a revolutionary country since independence from Britain twelve years ago, has not had normal diplomatic relations with the Kingdom, although both countries maintain charge d'affaires in Aden and Jeddah.

As a supporter of the Popular Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arab Gulf, the South Yemen government has lost many of its Arab friends in a long guerrilla war with the Omani authorities.

veve militarily in the event of an attack on South Yemen, or an appeal for assistance by that country.

Governments of the Arabian peninsula have historically rejected foreign military pacts. This concept was manifest during U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski's visit to the region. On the other hand Arab governments have expressed support for an Iraqi proposal calling on Arab states to renounce use of force regarding inter-Arab disputes and to oppose the presence of foreign troops or military bases on Arab soil.

Though the South Yemeni visit to Riyadh may not be related to the Iraqi proposal, a "suitable political climate" in Yemeni-Saudi relations can be seen as an indication toward potential understanding for closer relations.

King Khalid's invitation to South Yemen President Abdul Fattah Ismail announced after the Yemeni foreign minister's visit can be viewed within the context of the "favorable political climate" policy of Saudi Arabia.

Other peninsula states would more than welcome Aden's cooperation.

The press statement issued in Riyadh Monday announcing Ismail's invitation, revealed that Saudi Arabian and South Yemeni views "were identical on the necessity of pursuing common objectives of their people and the people of the entire Arabian peninsula."

News Analysis

Saudi Arabia supports bordering North Yemen to check alien revolutionary ideologies entering Saudi Arabia, a land holy to the Islamic faith and to more than 800 million Muslim followers.

South Yemen's close relationship with the Soviet Union has contributed to cooler links with neighboring countries, who either have not established relations with Moscow or severed them because of political, or economic disagreements.

More disturbing to neighboring states is Aden's treaty of friendship and mutual defense agreement with Moscow, which gives the Soviet Union the right to inter-

Introduced by former Canadian Energy Minister Alistair Gillespie as "the most articulate advocate of conservation the world has ever known," Yamani said soaring energy prices in the last seven years have encouraged conservation.

As the scarcest energy resource, oil must receive priority in conservation practices, Yamani said. Gas should be next, he said, nothing that sources such as coal, nuclear, hydroelectric and unconventional fuels were underproduced and must be further developed.

He said coal — which constitutes 60 per cent world's fossil fuel resources — proved more long-term energy base than oil or gas and could support world production for 200 years.

Saudi-American meetings begin

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 1 — Saudi Finance minister Muhammad Abu Al-Khail, who arrived here Sunday night, held meetings with Treasury Secretary G. William Miller and several key congressmen Monday on the eve of the fifth session of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian joint Commission on economic cooperation.

Miller paid a courtesy call on Abu Al-Khail at the Saudi minister's hotel suite Monday afternoon. In the evening, Abu Al-Khail attended a private dinner hosted by the U.S. Treasury secretary.

Earlier Monday, Abu Al-Khail met with House Banking Committee Chairman Henry Reuss, fellow committee member John Cavanaugh, and Senate International Finance Subcommittee Chairman Adlai Stevenson.

Carter changes arms sale policy

WASHINGTON, April 1 (WP) — President Jimmy Carter has called off his much-touted 3-year-old campaign to reduce sales of U.S. weapons to foreign nations by a fixed percentage each year.

Instead of striving to reduce arms sales by another 8 per cent in fiscal 1980 in hopes of curbing international trafficking, Carter will settle for the fiscal 1979 ceiling.

That ceiling — which applies to countries outside of NATO, Japan, Australia and New Zealand — will be \$9.2 billion for fiscal 1980. A State Department spokesman said that the new ceiling represents the fiscal 1979 level of \$8.43 billion adjusted for inflation.

As a presidential candidate, Carter stressed the need to restrict the worldwide flow of arms. He imposed an 8 per cent reduction in non-commercial arms sales to ceiling countries between fiscal 1977 and 1978. He ordered another 8 per cent reduction between 1978 and 1979. The cuts were achieved, with the fall of the Shah and Iran's subsequent cancellation of many arms orders, helping bring down the fiscal 1979 figure.

Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday that, "in the absence of agreed international restraint, we do not plan to reduce further the ceiling on our own arms transfers."

He said that, "while we remained convinced" international agreements to restrict international arms sales "can contribute to a safer world, we do not at this time foresee

progress."

Sales of U.S. arms to all foreign countries, including those excluded from the ceiling, are expected to reach \$14.5 billion in fiscal 1980.

Grenade wounds Iraqi minister

BEIRUT, April 1 (R) — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz was wounded Tuesday in a grenade attack during a public meeting at Mustansiriyah University in Baghdad, the Iraqi news agency (INA) reported.

The attacker was killed by security forces. Aziz, a member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council was taken to the hospital but released after treatment for superficial injuries, the agency said.

Besides Aziz a number of students were slightly wounded when the attacker, identified as Samir Nour Ali, hurled a hand grenade at them.

The Iraqi agency monitored in Beirut, said Ali was killed immediately by the security men.

The attack was the first reported by Baghdad against an Iraqi since President Saddam Hussein took over the presidency last summer.

Sudan may ban Egyptian papers

By a Staff Writer

KHARTOUM, April 1 — Sudan may soon prohibit the circulation of Egyptian newspapers and magazines following the publication of an attack on President Numeiri in Cairo.

Al-Ahram daily claimed Numeiri canceled his proposed trip to Egypt after his tour of Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Numeiri told an Arabic magazine published in Paris that he would not visit Egypt now that Israel has an embassy in Cairo.

Another Egyptian newspaper, Al-Akhbar, attacked Numeiri, without naming him and confessed that Egyptian media distorted his statements criticizing the Camp David accords, because they undermined his image in Egypt.

The majority of Arab League members have banned the circulation of Egyptian publications in their countries following the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

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Contracts total SR600 million

Welfare society to build hospitals

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — The Islamic Welfare Society awarded contracts totalling SR600 million for the construction of three hospitals, official sources said.

The hospitals will be constructed in Riyadh, Mecca and Medina.

After a meeting of the society's board of trustees, chairman Prince Salman, said that the sites have already been chosen and construction will start soon and be completed within 18 months. He added that each hospital will contain 200 beds and boarding houses for its staff.

The board turned over to a group of trustees the responsibility for preparing a study on how to run the three hospitals after construction is completed.

Prince Salman said the society also envisages building more hospitals in other areas. Tentative plans call for a series of



Prince Salman

hospitals throughout the Kingdom. He added that the exact areas in which the hospitals will be constructed will be announced after the next meeting of the board. In some areas dispensaries will be set up soon as a prelude to building a hospital.

The prince said that the board meeting was particularly important because it approved major amendments to the society's statutes. The amendments will now be referred to the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs for ratification. Such amendments would best serve the purpose of the society, he added.

In addition, the board discussed other welfare projects, which won't be divulged until after the board's next meeting. However, the prince said Dr. Fahd Madi has been appointed director general of the society. The society so far collected SR230 million in cash and kind.

In light of present events

Arab League to discuss charter changes

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — The Arab League will discuss several proposals to amend its charter during its September session, the league's secretary general said Tuesday.

Chedli Al-Klibi said the charter has to be developed further to serve Arab interests in the light of present circumstances. The amendments will be ratified by Arab leaders during their forthcoming meeting in Amman.

On the Euro-Arab dialogue, Klibi said it is beneficial to both sides because the Euro-

peans have a vital stake in the Middle East. And as a result, since they need peace in the area, the Europeans need to show their solidarity with the Arabs as well.

Klibi hailed France's stand, which is based both on economic interests and moral considerations. He also urged the United States to modify its stance and not be completely biased towards Israel.

Klibi also said his forthcoming tour's main purpose is to conduct consultations on a number of topics connected with the prevail-

ent situation and the grievances of the Arab world. This is primarily the normalization of relations (between Egypt and Israel) to the detriment of the Arab group.

He said the Arabs' main goal is that the effect of the Egyptian regime boycott does not harm "the brotherly people of Egypt who have to remain consolidated to the Arab world." Klibi called for an urgent Arab drive to prevent African countries from giving up to Zionist pressures for a resumption of relations with Israel.

Machines destined for agriculture sector

4,000 engines ordered for Saudi Arabia

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 1 — The largest single order for Lister diesel engines to come out of Saudi Arabia for many years, has been placed with the company's Cinderford, Gloucestershire, factory. Over the next nine months about 4,000 diesel engines worth approximately £3 million, are to be built, a company spokesman said Tuesday.

The order was placed by Sheikh Abdul

Salem Tayeb, head of Commercial Business Establishment of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, while he was in London for the opening of his company's new freight forwarding depot. CBE distribute Lister products throughout the Central Province of the Kingdom.

This is the second order from CBE in less than a month for diesel engines produced by R.A. Lister & Co Ltd., a Hawker Siddeley company. The first was an £860,000 order

for 170 larger capacity engines required for deep well water pumping.

The engines are destined for the Saudi agriculture market where they will be used to drive centrifugal turbine pumps for irrigation. The order confirms the continuing popularity of Lister engines in this Middle East market where reliability is of vital importance for irrigating areas which experience extreme temperature conditions.

SAPTCO rearranges routes on eastern province

By a Staff Writer

DAMMAM, April 1 — Sheikh Hussein Al Mansuri, the Minister of Communications and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Public Transport Company, announced that SAPTCO is beginning a

series of changes to the routes serving the Eastern Province.

The changes are being made after studying the routes that are presently operating, surveying the people riding the routes and soliciting ideas from the public on their specific

transit needs.

According to the Minister, the changes will be made in three phases. The three phase implementation should make it easier for riders to get used to the new routes and will give SAPTCO a chance to study the changes as they occur, refining them if necessary.



PLASTIC ARTS: Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of youth welfare, awarding the cup to the winner.

Youth groups display art at exhibition

JEDDAH, April 1 (SPA) — Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of youth welfare opened the fourth general modern arts exhibition at the regional level, here Monday.

Prince Faisal inspected the achievements of Saudi Arabian artists before handing the prizes to the winners.

The Eastern Province won the first place, followed by the Western Region. Medina Region came in the third place.

As for single clubs, Itihad of Jeddah captured first place. Ansar of Medina came in second and Raed of Qasim third. The total cost of the prizes awarded amounted to SR 150,000. The regions of the Kingdom had participated through clubs.

Prince Faisal expressed his pleasure on the achievements of Saudi Arabian artists. He said arts in its various forms have become a part of human life in the Kingdom.

The exhibition comprised 250 artistic works by 150 Saudi Arabian artists. The show will continue for 15 days, and Sundays and Mondays have been specified for ladies.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — The new Governor of Qasim Prince Abdul Ilahi left here for Qasim to take office, Tuesday. Prince Abdul Ilahi had talks with various government officials here in the past few days.

JEDDAH, April 1 (SPA) — The Foreign Ministry Monday night gave a dinner in honor of the Swedish ambassador here, Carl Gustaf Gazriel Bielke, on the occasion of ending his mandate in the Kingdom. The reception was attended by Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayyan, undersecretary of the foreign ministry, Salem Sunbul, chief of foreign ministry protocol and members of the diplomatic corps here.

DHAHRAN, April 1 (SPA) — The French industrial delegation left here Tuesday after a three day visit to the Eastern Province. The delegation held talks with officials of Dammam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and opened an exhibition for electrical tools for one day. The delegation represents six French companies which produce electrical equipments.

KUWAIT, April 1 (SPA) — The Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Monday received heads of delegations to the fifth general conference of Arab Ministers of Education for Gulf States which opened here Sunday. The education officials also met Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah, Heir-apparent and premier of Kuwait.

By Sulaiman Al-Ossaimi

Al Riyadh

I am not aware whether the Society of Arts and Culture or the Ministry of Information intend to compile an information on the country's intellectuals, writers and artists and publish it in the form of a guidebook. We tend to forget many figures after their death or after they give up their cultural or literary profession.

I also doubt whether the Society or the Ministry has thought of honoring these people for their rare contributions in the fields of arts and culture. Many deserve to be honored and given something special. But both circles seem to be unable to do so, for there is no one ready to think of and appreciate others.

Perhaps Tihama, a national commercial establishment, or any automobile agency could undertake this task. The ministry and the Society of Arts and Culture have not been able to hold a cultural function like the one

organized by Tihama, although they fully understand the need for organizing such cultural sources. Through such functions we can enjoy the works of great poets and writers like Muhammad Hussein Arab, Muhammad Hassan Fiqi and Muhammad Hussein Zeidan. We could also hear Talal Muddah and Muhammad Abdo signing as a result of such functions.

Such programs could be presented on the radio and television, as well as through the functions held by the Society from time to time. After all, we cannot expect Tihama to offer what the ministry and the society have themselves failed to present. Besides Tihama being able to gather a large number of artists, writers, intellectuals, officials and businessmen — they had full cooperation from television in having the event recorded. If the ministry or the Society of Arts had organized the function, television would not have covered it and we'd not have seen this cooperation, which we find lacking among our media services.

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Temperatures will rise in most areas. The winds will come from the northern and western regions and will extend to the central and southern regions.

Winds will be moderate to active, causing sand haze and limiting horizontal vision.

Clouds of various levels will thicken in most areas. Thunderstorms are expected in the northern, central and western regions.

Sea conditions in the Red Sea will be medium to choppy, and moderate in the Gulf. Tuesday's temperatures (maximum,

minimum in centigrade)

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Jeddah	35	24
Riyadh	37	25
Dhahran	34	21
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Fighting in 11th day

Chad ceasefire abandoned

PARIS, April 1 (AP) — The struggle for N'Djamena, capital of the central African nation of Chad, raged into its 11th day Tuesday with chances for a negotiated settlement, or at least a ceasefire, apparently abandoned.

Following the pattern which began last week, artillery, mortar and heavy machine gun fire erupted at dawn between the rival forces of President Goukouni Oueddei and his Defense Minister Hissene Habre, according to reports reaching Paris.

Despite a week and a half of savage fighting, the situation on the ground appears to have changed little with Goukouni's forces firmly dug in throughout the northern, administrative part of the capital and Habre's men entrenched in the south.

A planned meeting Monday between delegations from both sides never took place and telephone contacts between the rival forces have stopped, the French news agency Agence France-Presse reported.

Accurate casualty counts were impossible to compile, but thousands of persons, including many civilians, have been treated by the Red Cross or at the French military base near the airport in the northern part of the capital.

The French maintain a 1,100-man expeditionary force in Chad, but it is under strict orders to remain out of the conflict.

Tens of thousands of civilians have crossed the Chari River in neighboring Cameroon and thousands of others have fled into the Chadian bush.

Water and electricity have been cut for days and traffic has come to a virtual standstill because of the shooting and many barricades thrown up throughout the city.

The 550-man Congolese contingent of what was to be a neutral, inter-African peace force to assure implementation of last August's peace agreement has been withdrawn. Expected units from Benin and Guinea never arrived.

Under the agreement signed by all 11 political and military factions in Chad last year in Lagos, Nigeria, a new government of national union was created, with Goukouni as president, Col. Wadal Abdelkader Kamoague, a southern as vice president, and Habre as defense minister. That government never succeeded in exerting full power and a planned demilitarization of N'Djamena scheduled for February never took place.

U.S. Palestinians plan rally to protest Mideast summit

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 1 — Palestinians from across the United States will gather in Washington April 12 for a national rally to protest President Jimmy Carter's summit talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin, in what organizers believe could be "the largest demonstration in support of the PLO in the history of this country."

The demonstration, which will include programs on Palestinian culture and a large political rally, is being organized by the Palestine Congress of North America, a continent-wide umbrella group for

Palestinian-American groups.

In announcing the rally, the Palestine Congress said the upcoming summit would be "an opportune time for a genuine expression of our community's sentiments about the futility of Camp David."

Some 50 Palestinian organizations have already endorsed the demonstration. Plans are already underway to bus people to Washington from various cities on the East Coast, the congress said.

In addition to the political side of the demonstration, exhibits on Palestinian culture — music, arts, food and dress — will be set up to provide the general public with a better understanding of Palestinian life.

In Washington

Seminar on U.S.-Gulf links set

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 1 — United States relations with Arabian Gulf countries will be the theme of a symposium here April 10 and 11 sponsored by Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies.

The two-day forum, which will examine the economics and politics of Gulf petroleum and superpower rivalry and U.S. strategic planning in the Gulf will draw both prominent American and Arab speakers.

Ahmad Baha El Deen, editor of the Kuwaiti magazine *Al Arabi*, will be the banquet speaker for the seminar. He will be joined at the podium by speakers from the diplomatic, academic and literary communities in both the U.S. and the Arab world. U.S. Undersecretary of State David Newsom will be luncheon speaker on the second day of the symposium.

Former diplomats William Porter and Charles Yost will also be addressing the symposium. Porter is a former ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Yost was formerly U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Also speaking will be Youssef Al-Shirawi, who is the Bahraini minister of development and industry. Shirawi is expected to address the impact of development on Gulf politics and society.

Retired Vice Admiral Marmaduke Bayne, who is now a special assistant at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, will address the seminar.

Bayne, who commanded U.S. naval forces in the Middle East from 1968 — 1971 will take part in the round-table discussions on U.S. strategic planning for the Gulf.

'Kampuchea-type'

Somalia warns of refugee tragedy

NAIROBI, April 1 (OFNS) — Somalia is struggling to cope with more than one million refugees as fighting continues to drive out civilians from the Ogaden border desert disputed by the Somalis and Ethiopians.

In addition to 634,000 refugees officially stated to be sheltering in 24 special camps, the Somali government says that about as many again have found refuge with relatives in Somalia.

Almost all those who have fled from Ethiopia are ethnic Somalis but most have lived all their lives under Ethiopian rule in the Ogaden. More are pouring in each day.

Relief officials, battling with the enormous problem in this drought-stricken country which does not have enough food to feed its own four million people, say that unless international aid is given on a massive scale they foresee a "Kampuchea-type catastrophe."

Almost all the refugees are women and children. The death rate among under-10s is double that of adults because of serious epidemics of measles, typhoid and dysentery. Tuberculosis is taking a heavy toll of the old.

Most camps have no drugs and vaccination programs are virtually nonexistent, each inmate is rationed to half a liter of water daily. One United Nations official helping the refugees said: "One out of every four people in Somalia is a refugee. Imagine the United States, rich as it is,

having to cope with 50 million refugees — that's the same proportion as here."

The situation has steadily got worse since the actual Ogaden war ended early last year. Thousands of Somali civilians who had lived for years in the Ogaden fled ahead of the victorious Ethiopians. They were afraid they would be killed or tortured in revenge for the abortive Somali invasion.

The trouble subsided for a while, but the Western Somali Liberation Front, which claims most of the Ogaden from Ethiopia, refused to accept defeat and regrouped for guerrilla operations. In recent weeks the Ethiopians launched a new offensive to crush the guerrillas, using jet aircraft to bomb villages including some inside the Somali republic.

U.N. agencies estimate that \$ 140 million is needed in aid and about 160,000 tons of food, if tragedy is to be averted. So far the Americans have sent most help, followed by the European Economic Community, Sweden and the World Food Program.

One of the biggest problems facing the government is that a number of African countries are lukewarm over the crisis.

So the Somalis are looking to Western nations, especially the United States, for urgent help now that they have placed themselves firmly in the anti-Communist camp after expelling their Russian military advisers and rejecting Soviet military aid.



REFUGEE HOME: An old Afghan tribesman walks among the tents at the Janghir Abad refugee camp in Pakistan's Bejaour Valley recently. According to Pakistani authorities, there are already some 500,000 Afghan refugees in Pakistan, with more crossing the border every day.

Chadli briefs Assad on Arab tour

DAMASCUS, April 1 (Agencies) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid had talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad when he stopped over here Tuesday.

Chadli was scheduled to stop in Tripoli, for talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi when he left Kuwait earlier in the day.

But Syrian official sources said he decided to break his journey to brief Assad on the outcome of his talks with Arab leaders and to be informed of the progress of Syrian efforts to convene a summit conference here later in the month of Arab states opposed to the

Egyptian-Israeli peace.

The sources said Chadli is also anxious to act as a mediator to reconcile Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Qaddafi, who quarreled bitterly last year over tactics.

Chadli embarked on his first overseas tour since his election last year to discuss the latest Middle East developments and other international developments with Arab leaders.

His tour included Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, North and South Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait.

League plans action against Egypt

KUWAIT, April 1 (R) — The Arab League has decided to take legal action against Egypt for freezing about \$ 50 million of the league's money held in Egyptian banks, Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry officials said Monday.

The officials said the council of the 22-state league had instructed its secretary general,

Cheddi Klibi, to take action in the Egyptian courts after consulting the Arab Union of Lawyers.

Egypt froze the league's bank accounts last year after Arab states moved the organization's headquarters from Cairo to Tunis in retaliation for Egypt signing a peace treaty with Israel, the officials said.

Kuwait opposes intervention in Gulf

ALGIERS, April 1 (AP) — Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al Sabah, crown prince and prime minister of Kuwait, has said that his country is opposed "to all foreign intervention in the Gulf no matter what its origin."

In an interview with Algiers' daily *El Moudjahid* Monday, Sabah said responsibility for

security in the region "must be assumed by the states in this region which must stay out of conflicts between the big powers."

On the Palestinian question, Sabah said Europe could "play a larger role in finding a just and global solution to the Mideast problem."

Morocco, Spain extend fishing pact

RABAT, April 1 (R) — Spain and Morocco have agreed to extend for three months their fishing agreement which expired Monday pending negotiations on wider cooperation, officials said here Tuesday.

They said the agreement was reached at a meeting here Monday between Robles

Piquer, Spanish secretary of state for foreign affairs, and Moroccan Commerce and Industry Minister Azzeddine Guessous.

The extension followed the failure of talks in Madrid in the last two weeks to produce an overall agreement on various aspects of economic cooperation, the officials said.

Egypt's Ghali visits India today

NEW DELHI, April 1 (R) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali, arrives here Wednesday for a three-day official visit during which he will hold talks with Indian leaders.

Ghali's visit forms part of regular

exchanges between India and Egypt as members of the nonaligned movement. But it also follows closely on a visit to New Delhi by Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat who last week denounced Egyptian President Sadat for allowing the deposed Shah of Iran into Egypt.

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South Africa shutout denied

LUSAKA, Zambia April 1 (AP) — Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda denied Tuesday that the heads of black African states meeting here were forming an economic grouping "purely" to work against white-ruled South Africa.

Kaunda said, "Some people have tended to think that we are forming this economic grouping purely to face South Africa."

"In our view, this regional grouping is being established despite and not because of South Africa and her concept of a regional constellation of states."

Nine African countries — Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) — were to be represented and planned to sign a declaration of trade policy aimed at "economic liberation" in southern Africa.

The aim of the agreement apparently was to make Lesotho, Malawi and Tanzania in particular less dependent upon South Africa and less vulnerable to South African calls for a "constellation" of southern African states. The agreement envisages the improvement



President Kaunda

of trade transport and communications among the nine states.

"Our task is to link up our economies in order to strengthen ourselves," Kaunda said. "This is important in the strategy for self-defense against possible attempt by South

Africa to undermine the independence of various countries in the region."

Also attending the meeting was Robert Mugabe, former guerrilla leader and now prime minister of Zimbabwe. Rhodesia officially becomes Zimbabwe on April 18, after a seven-year war costing 22,000 lives that ended with a British-sponsored peace agreement followed by elections.

Kaunda said the economic success of the countries represented at the summit will have an "epoch-making impact within South Africa and will certainly deal a mortal blow to the policy of apartheid."

He added that with the independence of Zimbabwe, the independence of Namibia "cannot be too far off, despite the many political road-block South Africa is putting in the way."

"Namibia will be free, and will in the not too distant future take her place in the summit for economic reconstruction of our region. In this context, we warmly welcome SWAPO President Sam Nujoma and pledge our continued support for Namibia's independence."

In response to Soviet moves

\$1b set for Indian Ocean defense

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP) — Because of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan the U.S. Defense Department expects to spend an additional \$1 billion during the next 18 months to maintain and strengthen U.S. military might in the Indian Ocean.

Defense officials said Monday the money is one of the main components of a request to increase Pentagon spending by \$5.2 billion during the current fiscal year and is fiscal 1981. The rest of the 1981 budget is being trimmed to bring it into balance.

These officials, who asked to remain anonymous, said most of the \$5.2 billion will go to meet soaring fuel costs to operate planes, ships, tanks and other equipment. The figure includes \$2.3 billion in the current fiscal year and \$2.9 billion more in fiscal 1981

than had been proposed by U.S. President Jimmy Carter last January.

If the requests are approved by Congress, total defense spending would be boosted to \$130.8 billion in the current fiscal year and \$147 billion in the 1981 fiscal year, starting Oct. 1.

The officials stressed the Russian move into Afghanistan and resulting U.S. concern about possible Soviet expansion into the Gulf has caused unanticipated spending to maintain aircraft carriers and other fleet units in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea and to speed preparations for a "rapid deployment force" of troops into the area, if needed.

The official said present plans call for operating two aircraft carrier battle groups in

the Indian Ocean full time until the end of this year. That will be reduced to one carrier group next year if conditions permit.

At the same time, ships will be chartered to form a floating supply base, probably at the British-owned island of Diego Garcia. Such a seven-ship group of cargo vessels and tankers is due to move into the Indian Ocean this summer.

Officials said part of the increased spending will go for chartering and operating the ships, as well as providing the equipment that will go into their holds. This equipment would support a 10,000-man marine brigade and several air force fighter squadrons if they were called on to fly missions around the Indian Ocean in a crisis.

Ex-Ford running mate may join Reagan

Senator Dole eyes vice presidential slot after primary losses

WICHITA, Kansas, April 1 (AP) — U.S. Senator Robert Dole, who threw his support to Ronald Reagan this week for the Republican presidential nomination, says he wouldn't rule out the possibility of a Reagan-Dole ticket in the November presidential elections.

"These are possibilities," Dole told a news conference in Wichita Monday. "It seems to me Governor Reagan might need someone from the Senate, with Washington experience and a farm background."

Dole said he would "think over" any Reagan offer, but added Reagan hadn't mentioned giving him a second shot at the vice presidency.

Dole was Gerald R. Ford's running mate in 1976 after Reagan nearly wrested the nomination from Ford. Dole campaigned as a pres-



Senator Dole



Ronald Reagan

idential contender himself this year, but withdrew from the race last month after dismal finishes in primary votes.

Asked if he would consider helping Reagan become the secretary of agriculture, Dole smiled and said, "I don't want to help him that much. That would be a sentence."

Blasts shatter calm in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, April 1 (AP) — A spate of nighttime bombings in a wealthy section of San Salvador broke nearly 36 hours of tense quiet that followed last weekend's bloodbath in this city's main square.

Authorities said eight bombs went off in the northeastern residential neighborhood of Colonia Escalón, but most appeared aimed at businesses. Residents said they heard as many as 16 explosions.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or the extent of damage. Two armored personnel carriers were seen rumbling toward the neighborhood shortly after the bombings late Monday night, and then leaving shortly after midnight.

Kansas' senior senator also called on voters to give U.S. President Jimmy Carter "a message" by voting against the incumbent president in the state's first-ever presidential primary Tuesday.

"It seems it's time to send President Carter a message: his farm policy is a disaster," Dole said.

Armed leftists and rightists in this tiny Central American republic have launched a wave of terrorism against the ruling military-civilian junta, which is trying to implement land reforms and tank nationalization on the one hand while cracking down on leftists in the countryside on the other.

On Sunday, 31 people died and 148 were hospitalized, according to authorities, when an explosion followed by gunfire and more bombings broke up the funeral of slain Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

On Monday, the junta blamed the carnage on armed leftists, who had positioned themselves at the front of the 50,000 strong mourners, although it said leftists might not have set off the first bomb.



BLIND PROTEST: Blind Indians raise their canes and walking sticks during a rally in New Delhi calling for more jobs. The rally came on the heels of a police clash with blind protesters in the city.

Police nab 30 in hunt for Welsh bombers

LONDON, April 1 (AP) — Police believe they have broken the back of an underground organization behind a firebombing campaign against English-owned houses in the economically depressed Welsh valleys.

Some 400 police officers Sunday arrested more than 30 suspected extremists in pre-dawn raids across the ancient Celtic principality. It was one of the biggest police operations in Wales.

More than 30 English-owned properties have been burned out since Dec. 13 against a

backdrop of rising economic and political discontent in Wales.

Authorities fear the burnings were designed to whip up nationalist passions among increasingly grumbling Welshmen who face a dismal future on the dole.

Police have shrouded the roundup in secrecy, rousing protests from lawyers by holding suspects incommunicado even from legal aid Detective Chief Supt. Pat Malloy said "these decisions" came from "the highest level."

Among those rounded up were four leading members of Plaid Cymru, the Welsh nationalist party. The others included school teachers, a college lecturer, a publisher, a former labor union official and a farmer.

Some have been released, but police sources said up to 15 suspected militants will likely be charged.

The Daily Mail tabloid reported detectives discovered a bomb factory in a remote mountain farmhouse after a suspect told police about it. Police declined comment.

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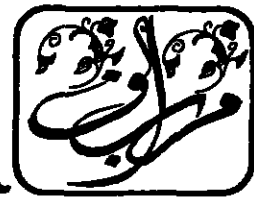
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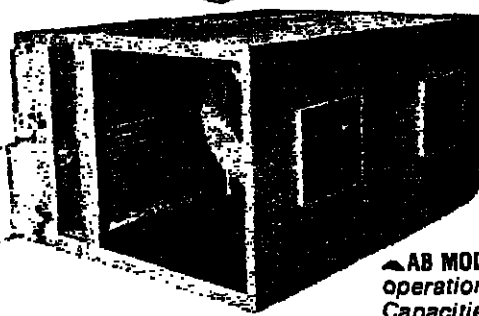
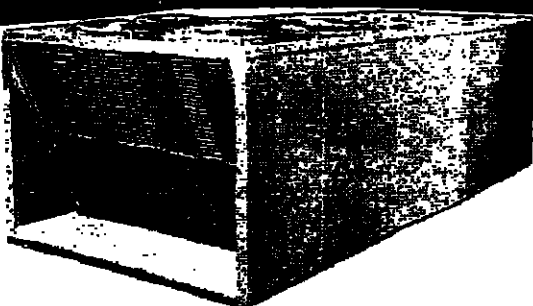
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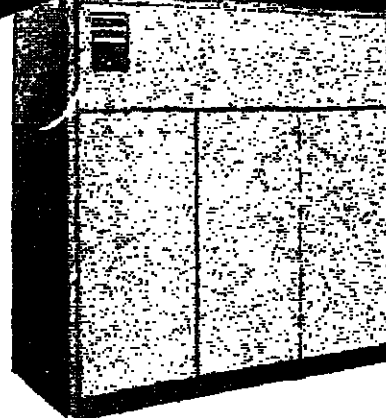


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Holmes retains WBC

Weaver wins WBA title

NEW YORK, April 1 (R) — Mike Weaver knocked out John Tate's heavyweight title in a boxing extravaganza that featured five title fights in three cities. 27-year-old Weaver made the biggest news. He shocked a crowd in Knoxville, Tennessee, when he knocked back from the brink of defeat to

Spassky loses match opener

MEXICO CITY, April 1 (AP) — Chess star Lajos Portisch of Hungary, leading the world champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union 1-0 in the World Candidates tournament quarterfinals, gained a psychological advantage with his clear and easy victory Sunday, experts here say. Spassky conceded in the 38th move of the opening game as he was running out of time. The two masters have to play 10 games. Observers here say the Hungarian's strong defense and clear scheme of attack assured Spassky on the table and the clock. Spassky, who was white, used 30 minutes of the opening of the game, while Portisch considered a virtuoso in this phase — used only eight minutes. Spassky began losing control in the 27th move and lost a vital pawn in the 29th. Portisch offered to exchange queens, which Spassky — pressed for time — accepted. The Hungarian then cornered his opponent in a classic rook bishop play. When he conceded, Spassky had only one move left of his 2 hours and 30 minutes limitation time to complete 40 moves. Portisch had 13 minutes left. Experts said the second half of Portisch's game was reminiscent of the style of the legendary Jose Raul Casablanca.

knock out Tate in the 15th and final round and claim the World Boxing Association (WBA) title.

In Las Vegas, Nevada, Holmes, 30, retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) crown against the ponderous Jones when the referee stopped the fight in the eighth round.

Another champion was dethroned in Knoxville. Eddie Gregory stopped fellow American Marvin Johnson in the 11th round to win the WBA light-heavyweight title.

Sugar Ray Leonard had probably the easiest night. He knocked out Britain's Dave (Boy) Green with a powerful left hook in the fourth round of their scheduled 15-round match for the WBC welterweight title.

The crowd at Capital Center in Landover, Maryland, saw the lightning-fisted Leonard toy with Green for the first three rounds and then apply the crusher in the fourth.

In the fifth championship match, American Indian Marvin Camel won a unanimous, 15-round, points decision over Mate Parloay of Yugoslavia at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas to become champion of the WBC's newly-created cruiserweight division.

Weaver, weighing 207.5 pounds, knocked the six-foot-four-inch, 232-pound Tate senseless with only 45 seconds left in the 15th and final round.

A right uppercut to the body, followed by two crushing left hooks to the jaw and a solid right cross to the head sent the champion crashing. He lay unconscious for five minutes.

Weaver said later: "All I heard before the fight was how Tate would fight. All I have always been my idol. I love the man and respect him, but I'll fight him and then fight Holmes."

Weaver also thought that fighting in front of his hometown fans proved to be a disadvantage to Tate. "I think the crowd cost Tate the fight with all that yelling," Weaver said.

Tate's last defeat was in his amateur days — a first round knockout by Cuba's Teofilio Stevenson in the 1976 Montreal Olympics.



HEADS UP: Crystal Palace were home to Manchester United last week at Selhurst Park, South-East London. The heads go up in front of the Manchester goal in the first half. From left, Joe Jordan (MU), Mike Flanagan (CP) and Jimmy Nicholl (MU).

Beats Pate with par

Tewell wins Heritage in playoff

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, April 1 (AP) — Doug Tewell of the U.S. beat his countryman Jerry Pate with a routine par on the first sudden death playoff hole Monday and scored his first professional victory in the rain-delayed Heritage Golf Classic.

The 30-year-old Tewell, a five-year regular on the PGA tour, and Pate, former U.S. Open champion finished the regulation 72 holes over the rain-dampened Harbour Town golf links in 4-under-par 280.

Each made a scrambling par on the 72nd hole, completing a 72 for Pate and a 2 over-par 73 for Tewell.

That sent them to the par-5 fifth hole. Pate, who led or shared the lead through the first two rounds, hit his second shot in the

Connors triumphs in Monte Carlo debut

MONTE CARLO, April 1 (AP) — Third-seeded Jimmy Connors of the United States made an impressive debut in the \$187,000 Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament Monday with a 6-4, 6-3 first round win over Ilie Nastase of Romania.

Connors produced some powerful shooting to control the game and give Nastase no opportunity to play in a slower pace.

Nastase, three times champion at Monte Carlo, led 2-0, but then lost three games in succession. Connors broke serve in the ninth game after which Nastase crossed disconsolately to the opposite side without bothering to towel down.

water. Tewell laid up in two, pitched on the back fringe and putted for par.

John Mahaffey of the U.S. who shared the three-round lead with Tewell, was close to the top most of the day, but had his putting troubles on the final three holes.

Two of those missed putts, including an 18-footer (5.4 m) on the last hole, set up a bogey-bogey finish that gave him a closing 75 and tie for third at 282, two-under-par and two out of the playoff.

Also at that figure were Ed Sneed, a runner-up last year, South African Gary Player and Lon Hinkle. Player shot a 72.



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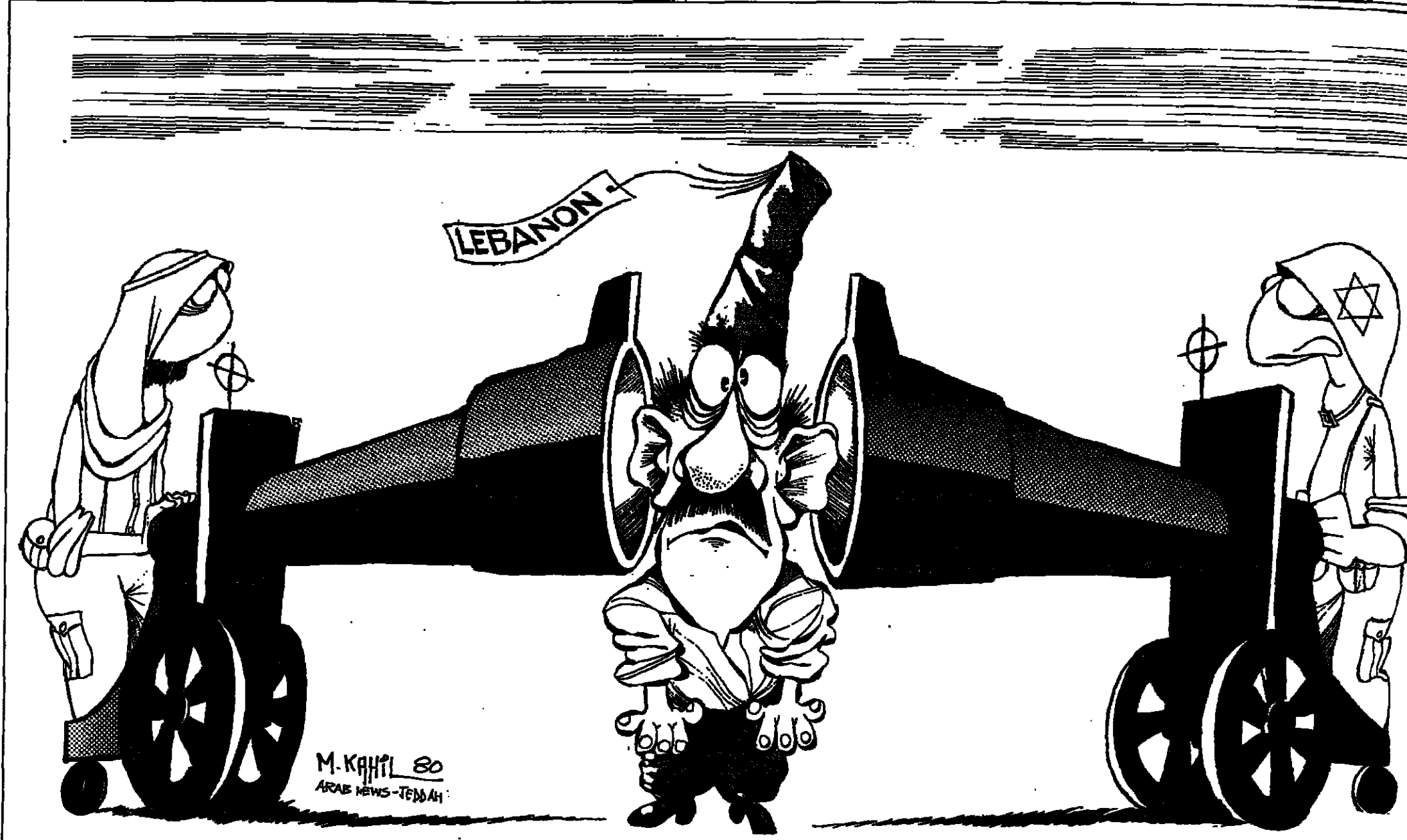
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Chinese bid to rally anti-Soviet support

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE — Peking has been making a determined diplomatic bid to rally support against the Soviet Union and its ambitious Vietnamese allies. But Asian neighbors wary of being trapped in a battle of giants have responded with denunciations rather than deeds.

Last month a Chinese military delegation was in Pakistan, a deputy foreign minister in Tokyo, a second had arrived in Washington, and Foreign Minister Huang Hua was flying to Bangkok and Hong Kong after visiting Manila, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

The Chinese insist that Russia's long-term strategy is to choke oil supplies to West and East alike by thrusting south to the Gulf and squeezing the neck of the Far Eastern "dumbbell", the narrow strait of Malacca between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

The proof of Moscow's malevolent urge for world hegemony, China's envoys stress, lies in the seizure of Afghanistan and Cambodia, and if the rot is to be stopped, the invaders must be forced to pull their troops out of both.

The Chinese have been given an uneven welcome. Pushed closer to the U.S. by the aggressive conduct of Kremlin "hegemonists", the Japanese have condemned the rape of Afghanistan and suspended aid to Kabul and Hanoi.

But they have emphasized that they will not be drawn into a Washington-Peking-Tokyo axis, nor will they help the Chinese to rearm.

They are uncomfortably aware of the formidable Soviet military presence at their end of the "dumbbell", and that if the Russians cut the long tanker trail from the Gulf to Japan, they could lose up to 90 per cent of their oil supplies.

The Americans, on the other hand, have marked the visit of Vice-Minister Zheng Wenjin to Washington by sanctioning the sale to China of military equipment, including helicopters and military transports, have reviewed with him the "independent and parallel" steps their countries are taking to obstruct Russo-Vietnamese "expansionism."

But worried officials of ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations that embraces Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines) suspect that this means the U.S. will leave it to China to confront the Vietnamese (and Russians) in this corner of the battlefield. And they do not forget that the Chinese have their own dubious Marxist-Leninist motives.

At first glance, Huang Hua's claim that the Chinese "think like ASEAN" seems justified. Earlier last month a joint 14-nation communiqué issued by ASEAN and the European Economic Community bluntly condemned the invasions of Afghanistan and Cambodia as an "open violation of international law" and, like the Chinese, demanded that the U.N. resolutions against Moscow and Hanoi be honored.

At the same time Sinnathamby Rajaratnam, foreign minister of Singapore, appeared to go much further toward echoing Peking's aspirations when he also urged that the "rebels" in both of the stricken countries be given every form of assistance, including weapons.

Two days before, however, he had said "if one superpower asserts a military presence, there must be another to counter-balance it," and it became evident that he was not seconding China, but appealing to an alternative source of arms — the U.S.

The Chinese say they are slipping guns to about 30,000 Khmer Rouge, who are now split up into small guerrilla groups to fight what Peking sees as the first phase of a classic war of liberation that may last from three to five years.

Dismissing any hope of an early political settlement as a pipedream, Huang Hua stressed here recently that China will continue to supply the Khmer Rouge indefinitely. He has left ASEAN leaders with a strong impression that the Chinese want to help the Khmer Rouge bleed the Vietnamese white, while they themselves pin down Hanoi's crack troops in North Vietnam with the threat of a "second lesson" — a Chinese push into Tongking or Laos.

Peking's object is not an early peace, but a protracted war that will end only when both the puppet

regime in Phnom Penh and the pro-Soviet leadership in Hanoi responsible for the quagmire overthrown in favor of pro-Chinese alternatives. A similar strategy persuades the Chinese to reject British proposals for neutralizing Afghanistan.

The strategy is distasteful on two counts. Although the Chinese have consistently supported ASEAN, they are viewed with misgiving, and detractors fear that prolonged hostilities will enable Peking to impose China's "friends" further on the would-be neutral states of the region.

The Chinese are already pressing Bangkok to abandon neutrality, while putting the Thais in debt by promising them "firm support" if the invaded by the unpredictable Vietnamese empty pledge, say skeptics who do not believe it happy.

Conversely, the Vietnamese are regarded as diametrically hostile, but the ASEAN states will keep the door open for a dialogue against the when Hanoi is chastened enough to talk peace.

It is argued, however, that the Vietnamese not back out of Cambodia under pressure from the Chinese unless they are first brought to their knees where they might well give way under American pressure if they were merely brought to their knees by the way out of the impasse, therefore, the Americans — and not the Communists, for — to support a "war of liberation", by replacing the Chinese as the backers and bankers of "democratic Kampuchea". (OFNS)

GAINING TIME

Will Carter's proposed meetings with Sadat and Begin do anything to advance the cause of the stalled "Palestinian autonomy" talks between Israel and Egypt? Whatever the answer, and a great deal hangs thereby, it is clear that Carter, presidential elections or no presidential elections, feels that the situation has reached such a stage that he could no longer sit back and do nothing.

That things are going very badly for the Camp David side is no longer in question. President Sadat has been reported to fear a grave threat to his regime if Israel sticks to its intransigence and blatant expansionism. The Americans have been told clearly by representatives of the Arab and Islamic states that the U.S. stands to lose all its friends unless it puts a stop to Israel's progressive absorption of the occupied territories. Crown Prince Fahd was reported to have addressed a strongly-worded letter to Carter declaring that his government could no longer tolerate the dangerous drift in the Middle East problem.

But Carter, although feeling that he has to act, is in fact powerless to do anything. The real problem, and this is something he realizes very well, is that of arriving at a convincing solution to the problem of the Palestinian people. But Begin is resolutely set against this. His declared intention is the absorption of the occupied territories and the denial of all rights to their inhabitants. He has allies strong enough within the United States, as Carter learned to his cost, to block any American move in this direction. Certainly, the story spectacle of the U.S. president apologizing and trying to backtrack on an American vote in the United Nations against Israel inspires no confidence in his ability to make Begin sufficiently accommodating for the "autonomy" talks to make progress.

If the meetings in Washington are foredoomed, why then are they to take place? The answer is also clear. It is merely to gain time. To keep the moribund "peace process" ticking over. To delay the moment when the U.S. along with its allies in the Camp David approach, will have to admit the bankruptcy of their formula.

ARAB-IRANIAN RELATIONS

Some views attributed to Iranian President Abolbassan Bani-Sadr have been the center of continuing argument. The Iranian president was quoted as saying in an interview that the Gulf states have only a sham independence, and that they are in reality subservient to the United States.

Aside from the retractions and "amplifications" which later came out from Tehran, such talk is at the moment not untypical of ruling Iranian circles. And it is symptomatic of the unease that still characterizes the relations between Iran and the Arab world, despite all the expectations of improvement after the Iranian revolution.

Our concern is not to judge which side bears the responsibility for this state of affairs, nor even, in pursuit of a self righteous notion of objectivity, put the view that both are equally responsible. It is rather to say that it is time that both parties gave serious thought to ways of improving the relations between them. No one gains from the present tensions except the common enemy.

The Iranian side has its own list of grievances, which it has aired often enough. From the Arab point of view, the constant barrage of criticism and insult, against the Gulf states specially, constitutes a direct interference in the internal affairs of these states. They certainly need no imperious directives on how to conduct their internal and external affairs. It was thought that talk of this kind would cease with the demise of the regime of the Shah. But, unfortunately it has not.

Those states are capable to pay the new Iranian regime in kind, but they have refrained from doing so. They do not think that it is either in their or Iran's interests to allow the situation to develop in such an unfortunate direction. The area needs all the stability it can get — there are enough outsiders trying to destabilize it in any way.

The Arab states, especially the Gulf ones, are pinning great hopes on the moderation and wisdom of Bani-Sadr. They view with sympathy his efforts to stabilize his country and concentrate the reigns of power in the hands of the duly constituted authorities. He will find, when he accomplishes his aims, that the Arab world, and the Gulf states specially, more than willing to meet him halfway.

India's press faces 'discipline'

By Kevin Rafferty

NEW DELHI — Moves being made by officials loyal to Mrs. Indira Gandhi against the Indian Express newspaper have sent ripples of fear through all Indian papers. They believe it is the opening shot in a new campaign to tell the press to behave itself.

The Express is the largest newspaper group in India with sales of more than 1.2 million copies a day. More to the point, the paper was nearly squeezed out of existence during the emergency from 1975 to 1977 because of its opposition to Gandhi's methods of rule.

During the recent election campaign the Express reaffirmed its anti-Gandhi stand, with one banner headline declaring: "Democracy or Dictatorship".

On the surface the present dispute is a matter of somewhat intricate regulations governing the new building the Express is putting up in Delhi. But the vehemence of the campaign has caused the newspaper to plead that its fundamental rights are being threatened.

One oddity was that the attack opened on a Saturday afternoon in the form of a press conference called by the lieutenant governor of Delhi. He declared that the newspaper had breached building regulations and threatened to demolish the building. The press conference was broadcast on state radio.

He also announced the setting up of a three-man inquiry team to report within three days and ordered work on the building to stop.

By the crawling standards of the Indian bureaucracy, this was a campaign with a vengeance.

The Express itself had no doubts about the motives: "The facts in the case are so clear, the allegations made are so flimsy and the manner in which the case has been built up in the public mind is so blatant that one cannot but conclude that the actions have no other purpose other than as a reprisal against the Indian Express for its independent and objective stand."

It added that the newspaper was being harassed as a device for warning the press in general that should it step out of line it would be "disciplined with the greatest severity."

Perhaps the most interesting feature is that the Indian Express is highly vulnerable financially. Proprietor Ram Nath Goenka is heavily overdrawn. Under the previous Janata government, which he favored, the banks treated him generously. Now they are nervously trying to recover some of the outstanding loans.

Another similarity is that when she was last in power Mrs. Gandhi used the financial squeeze against Goenka. Then as now his papers continue to be the most vociferous critic of some of the new government's activities. — (OFNS)

Rome declares war on terrorists

By David Willey

ROME — Rome's four million citizens are being asked by their Communist mayor, Luigi Petroselli, to sign a monster petition against the growing terrorist menace. Public opinion has been severely shaken by the two latest terrorist killings — that of a high-ranking member of the judiciary and an 18-year-old student murdered in front of his parents.

To judge by the petition, one might conclude that the Dark Ages have returned to threaten Roman civilization. The mayor's appeal reads: "Enough blood! Long live civilization! Down with barbarity! The challenge of terrorism and violence against the republic and civil society is assuming ever more barbarous aspects."

Signatures are being canvassed in the schools, in the markets, among shopkeepers, in military barracks, at tables set up in the streets, and the petition will be sent to President Pertini, who has himself strongly attacked the dangers to the Italian state presented by what is called here "the armed party."

According to statistics collected and published by the Communist Party daily *Unita*, Rome suffered an average of three terrorist attacks every day of last year — more than any other city in Italy and almost half the total number of terrorist attacks reported over the whole country. The number of terrorist incidents in Rome has doubled over the past two years and 14 people were killed in terrorist ambushes in the city last year.

The latest attack was on one of Rome's best-known bars and meeting places — Rosati's in the Piazza del Popolo. The bar was seriously damaged by a time-bomb. No one was injured.

The murder of 18-year-old Valerio Verbono last month was particularly cold-blooded. Three masked terrorists broke into the flat where he lived with his parents, tied up his mother and father and then waited to shoot him in the back as he came home from school.

Valerio was a left-winger and his "execution" was claimed by a right-wing political group, but the labels used by the dozens of urban guerrilla organizations now active in Italy are confusing and police believe the Red Brigades, for example, deliberately use different revolutionary sounding names in their communiqués to put investigators off the track.

A daring bank robbery last month from a branch inside one of the ministries in Rome highlighted the way crime is used to finance terrorism. This particular gang got away with the equivalent of \$700,000 in banknotes for the funds of the Red Brigades. Police estimate the terrorists need at least \$12 million a year to fund their activities and pay the hundreds of urban guerrillas living clandestinely in the big cities.

Pope John Paul II is going to support the Communist-led Rome City Council in its attempt to bring home to Romans the seriousness of the terrorist situation.

Speaking angrily in St. Peter's Basilica at the Requiem Mass for the murdered magistrate, Vittorio Bachelet, the Pope asked: "Is not the plan to choose the death of innocent men the proof that they (the terrorists) have nothing to say to the living?" (OFNS)

saudi press review

Most newspapers Tuesday led with King Khaled's invitation to President Abdul Fattah Ismail of South Yemen to visit Saudi Arabia. In a lead story, *Al Medina* quoted the Pakistani Minister of Planning and Development as saying Pakistan has refused the United States' offer of military and economic assistance in exchange for the establishment of military bases. *Okaz* played Crown Prince Fahd's statement, after a meeting with South Yemeni Foreign Minister that Saudi Arabia is anxious for lasting friendship and accord in the interest of Arab and Islamic causes.

Newspapers front-paged the Council of Ministers' approval of a statute for the Higher Council of Information in the country. It also highlighted the Islamic Charitable Society's resolve to construct three hospitals in Riyadh, Mecca and Medina. *Al Riyadh* reported the new Governor of Mecca, Prince Majed, as saying he will strive to prove the confidence placed in him.

Newspapers also gave front-page play to a press statement issued at the end of the South Yemeni Foreign Minister's visit to the Kingdom. *Al Jazirah* said the Egyptian Interior Minister admitted mounting students demonstrations, and threatened to take stringent measures against the people. The arrival of Saudi Minister of Finance and National Economy in Washington for Saudi-American Joint Commission's meetings and America's reported confirmation for Israel to use veto against Palestinian rights formed the major front-page stories in *Okaz*. President Carter's "final warning" to Iran in connection with the U.S. hostages figured prominently in *Al Yom* newspaper.

In an editorial, *Al Nadwa* dealt with the South Yemeni Foreign Minister's visit to the Kingdom. The paper said the visit demonstrated mutual understanding, which the Kingdom strives for the interest of higher Arab interests. The paper highlighted Crown Prince Fahd's stress on friendship and accord in every sphere serving the interests of Arab and Islamic nations. His statement and the press communiqué have reflected the aspirations of the people, said the paper. It added that the visit will symbolize Arab commitments to live in unity.

Dwelling on the Saudi-American Joint Commission meeting in Washington and Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer's visit to Japan, *Al Bilad* said Saudi politics grasps a wide view with the spirit of friendship. The paper described the Commission's meetings as a "new step toward promoting bilateral cooperation, adding that the Planning Minister's current visit to Japan also created a new dimension Saudi-Japanese relations. The Kingdom will continue to work in cooperation with both the emerging nations and the industrialized states with a view to serving the interests of the two blocs and consolidating peace and stability in the world, the paper said.

In an editorial on the activities of the Egyptian regime, *Al Riyad* said the regime has only succeeded in oppressing the people, depriving them of their means of sustenance and stuffing the pockets with innocent people. The paper scoffed at the Egyptian regime's ban on the assembly of more than three persons.

Al Medina said in an editorial that the Egyptian regime's legislation intends to confront the people's rejection of the regime's present policy. The paper recalled what the Jews did during the World Wars and said that they had enacted a law declaring anything they found against them the American media to be anti-Semitic. This similarity indicated that the Egyptian has completely capitulated to the Zionist influences, said the paper.



RADIO BROADCAST: "She divorced her husband Saad Murtada for becoming Sadat's ambassador to Israel. LISTENER: Hoary Egypt still has plenty of good men left to serve." AL MEDINA

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The draining of America's bloodlines

By Penny Girard
The Los Angeles Times

THURMONT, Maryland — In a small holding stall of the auction barn of this small country town, a young girl and her parents clustered anxiously around a stocky chestnut pony they hoped to buy. Hours later, they went home disappointed — forced out when the bidding soared beyond their means.

The family's pain would have been sharper if they had realized who the successful bidder was.

Worldwide inflation, especially higher prices for beef, the declining value of the dollar overseas, different tastes for foods in foreign countries and new shipping techniques have all combined to create a surging demand for U.S. horsemeat in the foodstores of Europe and Japan. As a result, in sale barns and auction lots all across the nation meat buyers have become formidable but little-noticed competitors for horses and ponies.

It was such a dealer that bought the pony at Thurmont for \$450.

"Until recently, about \$250 was the run-of-the-mill price for a child's riding horse," says George Cardinet, legislative chairman of the California State Horseman's Association. "Today, these animals are just so much meat."

The trend has placed increasing strain on the U.S. horse population. It has also stirred concern about the sometimes inhumane treatment of horses bound for slaughter and has turned horse rustling into big business and a burgeoning crime that has even begun to threaten the paddocks of thoroughbreds.

In 1979, according to the Department of Agriculture, the United States exported 111,297,924 pounds of fresh horsemeat, a slight drop from the 116,735,918 pounds exported the previous year but a dramatic increase from the 6,750,000 pounds exported in 1972.

Of the 1979 total, 36,608,619 pounds went to France, 35,713,000 pounds were shipped to Belgium, 24,395,991 pounds to the Netherlands, and 4,909,795 pounds to Japan. Smaller amounts went to such countries as Switzerland, Italy, West Germany, Argentina, Mexico and the West Indies.

While such commerce generally violates neither federal nor local laws, it is sharply at odds with some of this country's oldest and most cherished traditions: the close, often romantic and affectionate bonds between horse and rider.

Statues in parks and on main streets across the country attest to the vital role that the horse played in the development of the West, and in the country's heritage, its traditions and folklore.

Today, Americans tend to see the horse in terms of Charles Russell paintings and bronzes of bucking broncos or in visions of John Wayne sitting tall in the saddle. Libraries are filled with tattered copies of childhood classics like Black Beauty and National Velvet. Nearly everyone in the country can name the owners of Trigger and Silver. And the movie "Black Stallion," about the emo-

tional bond between a boy and a horse, draws enthusiastic audiences of adults as well as children.

From the early days of the westward movement, when man needed his horse to survive, "there has always been this strong feeling that the horse is one of the family," says author and western expert Louis Lamour. "It's almost an instinctive thing, and it has gone down from father to son and from father to daughter."

Such a relationship, Lamour says, never developed in Europe; chiefly because distances were shorter and the horse was less

his mother making him and his sister eat a rare horsemeat steak every Thursday for its nutritive value.

Derimo, who has gained considerable notoriety for having "Dominique" offer such unusual menu items as rattlesnake, hippopotamus, mountain lion and buffalo, has yet to offer horsemeat steaks.

American horse lovers contend that European appetites are taking an unacceptable toll of the American horse population.

While many concede that there must be methods for disposing of aging, crippled, and neglected animals, and for weeding out ill-

tion overseas.

And Tierney argues that he and other meat dealers must contend with serious problems. The U.S. grain embargo against the Soviet Union, for example, has forced cattle to come to sale earlier, putting an excess of beef of the market in places like Switzerland to compete with horsemeat sales.

In addition, packers say the declining value of the dollar makes it harder for them to compete with countries with cheaper labor, such as Argentina.

And there are other seasonal factors at home to contend with.



Alec Ramsay, played by Kelly Reno, saves the life of the horse who carried him to shore from a shipwreck in the new movie Black Stallion.

important.

"The horse was something you rode to war or used to pull a cart, but he wasn't something on which your life depended as it did in this country," Lamour said.

In countries like France, the horse steak, sauteed with butter or some shallots, has been as much a part of the country's diet as cream sauces. Separate shops, called a "boucherie chevaline" sell horsemeat and because horsemeat has more protein than beef, it is often recommended there for those in hospitals.

Washington restaurateur Dominique Derimo, who grew up in France, remembers

tempered, untrainable horses, others believe the soaring demand for horsemeat has tempted meat dealers to look at better animals.

"They aren't just taking the old, the halt and the lame," says Joan Blue, president of the American Horse Protection Association. "They are just taking the old, the halt and the lame," says Joan Blue, president of the American Horse Protection Association. "They are taking 2-year-olds with plenty of flash, and they are taking an unbelievable number of ponies."

Until 1977 horses were shipped live to Europe by sea, but the inhumane conditions in which they were kept, and the sad shape in which many arrived, prompted Congress to pass legislation to bar shipping slaughter-bound horses by sea. As a result, most U.S. dealers work through packing plants in this country and use new quick-chilling and refrigerating techniques to ship fresh horsemeat abroad.

Owners of the 20 federally inspected horse-packing plants in 15 states insist that they are in the legitimate business of killing animals that are no longer young, useful or wanted.

"What we're doing is really recycling animals," said Jim Tierney, office manager for a packing company which slaughters about 40,000 horses annually for human consump-

"At this time of the year, there are a lot of people at auctions looking for horses for summer camps," according to Tierney.

"Well, they don't keep those horses. There's a different batch of horses every year. At the end of each season they go to auction," and many are bought by packers.

According to the American Horse Council, the nation's horse population is estimated at eight million. "We haven't seen much

increase in that population in recent years," said Mike Nolan, a council official. "We believe it's stable."

California leads the states with 825,000 horses, followed by Texas with 795,000 horses, Illinois with 305,000 and Kentucky with 210,000.

A growing number of people in the horse business are worried that the increased foreign demand for horsemeat will eventually reduce the U.S. horse population, eliminate some good blood lines, and force less scrupulous people to turn more to illegal ways of procuring horses, by slipping more animals quietly and quickly through auction houses without proper papers.

Figures are not compiled, which makes the problem hard to document, but talks with horse groups, horse owners and state and local agriculture and police department officials around the country reveal that horse rustling is on the rise. Once a sporadic nuisance, it is now a constant problem.

Increasingly there are reports of horses stolen from riding stables and corrals, from open pastures and rangelands. Rustlers have led horses away on foot, loaded them on trailers in fields, and knocked down fences and chased many horses into the hills to make the animals' owners think they have merely broken loose.

Two weeks later, the owner figures out he's been had and by that time some Frenchman has the horse in the oven," said Sgt. Bill Bacon of the livestock detail of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

In Los Angeles County, which has at least three to four reports a month of missing horses, he figures his recovery rate is about 30 per cent.

"We've got the dawn freeway system, which doesn't help," Bacon said. "Within five to 10 minutes anywhere in the County someone can be on the freeway."

California used to have one horse-packing plant, but it went out of business, so horses from within the state usually go to slaughter in nearby states such as Arizona and Washington.

A horse stolen in L.A. tonight can be at the packing plant in Phoenix tomorrow," said the American Horse Council's Nolan.

Sgt. Bacon said recovery of many stolen horses is made more difficult by the fact that many people can't identify their own animals. To help in the Los Angeles area, the Sheriff's Department has printed a special identification form for horse owners to fill out and keep on file with the Department. Bacon also maintains a close working relationship with authorities in nearby states.

Many people who have horses stolen never see them again. One who was fortunate was Marta Force, of Greensboro, North Carolina but it was only her quick thinking, 80 in phone calls, and speedy action that made recovery of her horse "JB" possible.

Force had read enough about the growing horsemeat market to begin immediately checking the dates of upcoming horse auctions. Using the telephone to query an auction barn in Rock Hill, South Carolina she identified her horse by a prominent scar on the left hind leg. The police immediately impounded the horse until she could get there.

"If you love a horse, it's like having someone kidnap your child," she said. Gail Snider, an investigator for the American Horse Protection Association, is less optimistic about finding three thoroughbred horses worth \$60,000 that were stolen recently from a Brooklyn riding stable, or for two other thoroughbreds and a pony missing in New Jersey.

For every horse that is reported stolen to authorities, horse experts believe, many others never get on the police blotter. She said, "There's no way we can get a handle on the problem."

The FBI operates a national crime information center — a computerized system linking authorities around the country — that includes a category for missing horses.

But a recent check showed that only 26 horses were entered into the computer last year and only three have been listed so far in 1980.

Part of the reason for the low number of horses is that the program is not well known among horse owners. Others said police departments assign horse theft a low priority. Penalties for horse rustling are rarely substantial. In addition, only horses with an identification number can be added to the computer. Thoroughbreds do have a number tattooed on the inside of their lips. Most pleasure horses do not.

In recent years several efforts have been made to improve horse identification. Several states, including Arizona and New Mexico, have set up their own identification programs, but little progress has been made. An effort in California to set up a voluntary system to brand and identify horses for life for \$15 failed several years ago.

"There's no question about it," said Cardinet of the California State Horseman's Association. "We'll never get a handle on the theft problem without an identification system." Many within the industry are critical of the industry itself for not taking the lead in working out a solution.

The American Horse Protection Association has launched a 10-month study as groundwork for a push for federal legislation to establish a national horse identification program.

The study also focuses on the inhuman treatment of horses being shipped to slaughter. There have been numerous instances of horses overcrowded on trucks, dying in transit for lack of care, and being held at slaughterhouses for days without food and water.

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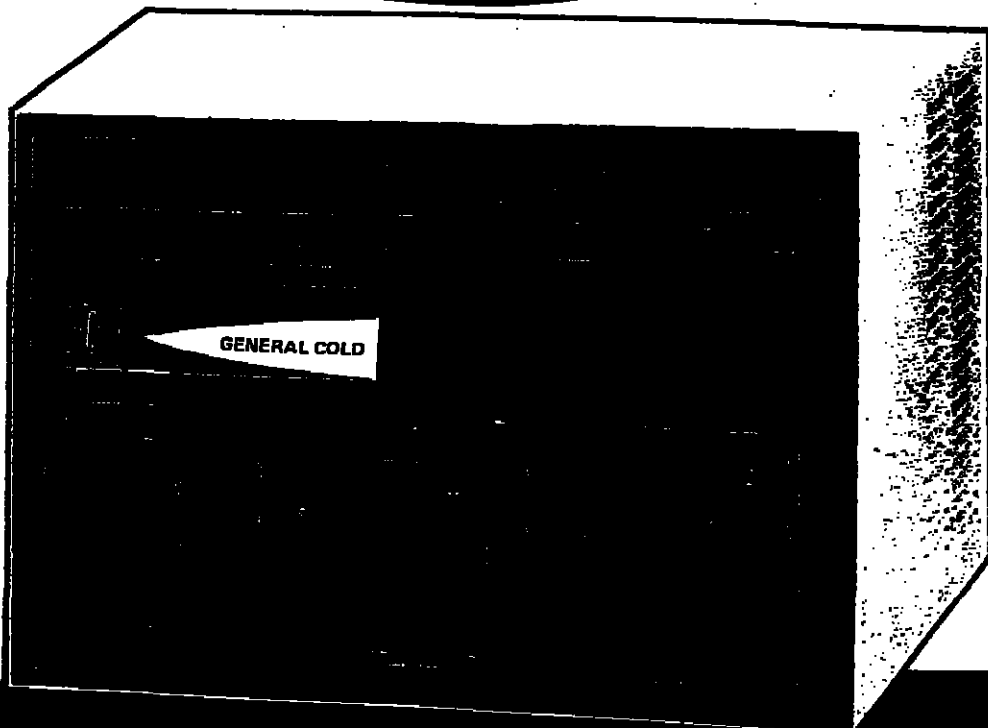
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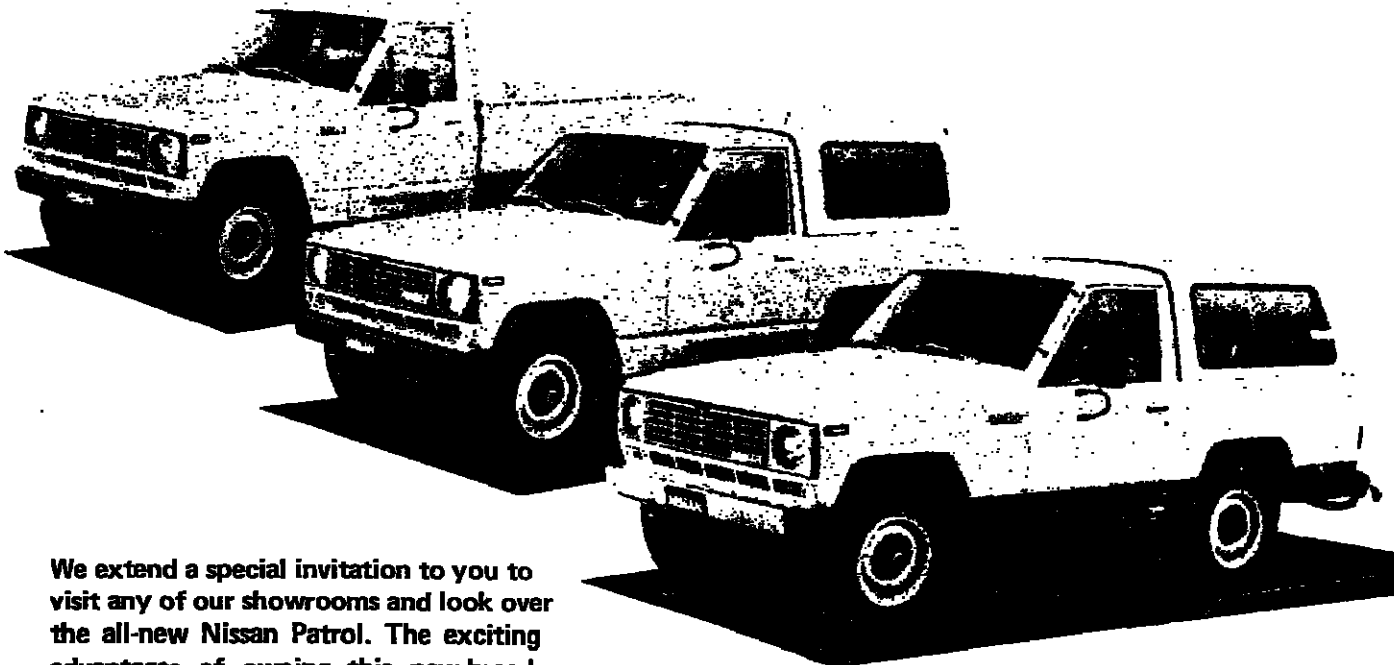
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Contracts reduced 75% Kuwait cuts oil output

KUWAIT, April 1 (R) — Kuwait Tuesday announced it was cutting its daily oil production by 25 per cent and slashing by 75 per cent the volume of crude oil sales to major Western buyers under new contracts. Kuwait News agency said.

A Kuwait oil ministry spokesman told the agency that effective Tuesday the daily production of two million barrels would be reduced to 1.5 million barrels, as previously announced.

The spokesman also said that the ministry had signed new contracts with Kuwait's main customers, British Petroleum (BP), Gulf Oil of the United States and Royal Dutch Shell.

The new contracts were for a period of three years instead of the previous five years, and they stipulated that half the volume of their crude oil allocation should be transported in Kuwait tankers, according to the agency.

The spokesman said under the new contract with BP, the company would take 75,000 barrels of crude a day, plus a supplementary 75,000 barrels during the first year only.

Gulf Oil would take 75,000 barrels a day and Shell 175,000 barrels, the spokesman said.

Previously BP took 450,000 barrels a day, Gulf Oil 500,000 barrels and Shell 360,000 barrels.

Between them the three firms took 1,310,000 barrels a day of Kuwaiti crude. The volume has now collectively reduced to 325,000 barrels a day.

Kuwait's new contracts with BP, Shell and Gulf Oil are evidence of radical change in the pattern of world oil trading, at the expense of the major international oil companies, oil industry analysts in London said.

OPEC countries like Kuwait, they said, are selling more of their oil to smaller independent oil companies, to state corporations in direct government-to-government deals and on the "spot" market where crude not sold under contract is freely traded.

Figures circulated within one oil major this year said that four years ago the "seven sisters" — Exxon, Shell, Mobil, Texaco, Standard Oil of California, Gulf, and BP — bought 17-18 million barrels of oil a day from OPEC.

Now the figure is down to about 12 million or less than two thirds of their needs, Gulf estimates its total foreign crude supply after April 1 could be less than half what it had available in 1979.

OPEC countries say they seek a greater say in the final destination of their oil and role in "downstream" refining shipping and petrochemical activities.

London oil analysts said the majors' anxiety to have assured access to crude explains BP's readiness to pay a premium to Kuwait and the fact that Iran felt able to raise its official price from Tuesday by \$2.50 a barrel to \$33.50.

The 25 per cent overall cut in Kuwaiti output coincides with production cuts by such other OPEC members as Venezuela and Libya. Together, these cuts are expected to reduce overall OPEC output from 30.7 barrels a day last year to below 29 million.

API said oil consumption in the U.S. dropped two per cent during the first eleven months last year compared with a similar period in 1978.

This is the latest period for which comparative figures are available.

The figures for six other major industrial countries all show increases: Japan up 1.9 per cent, Canada 4.7 per cent, France 3.2 per cent, Italy 4.5 per cent, United Kingdom 1.9 per cent, and West Germany 3.2 per cent.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.22	7.18	7.14
Deutsche Mark (100)	171.00	173.00	169.00
Swiss F (100)	180.00	179.00	178.40
French F (100)	74.00	75.00	73.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	37.00	38.00	37.00
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	96.60
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.48	4.41
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.18	12.04
Jordanian Dinar		11.00	10.79
Emirate Dirham (100)		89.50	89.50
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar		8.90	8.90
Iranian Riyal (100)			
Iraqi Dinar (100)			
Yemeni Riyal (100)		73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		80.00	88.00
Indian Rupee (100)			40.75
Pakistani Rupee (100)			34.00
Gold kg.		54,100.00	
10 Tolas bar		6,320.00	
Silver kg.			
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.30		13.20
Canadian Dollar	2.80		
Belgian Franc (1,000)	107.00	118.00	
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	156.00		157.50
Spanish Peso		51.00	50.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		81.00	
Philippine Peso (1,000)			45.50
Singapore			1.45

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PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON THE 1ST APRIL, 1980 15TH JAWAL, 1400

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
5	Jarsoe	El Hawi	Chicken-Eggs	30-3-80
8	Lantau Trader	S.C.S.A.	Wheat-Parley	31-3-80
9	Khalij Frost	M.E.S.A.	Fruits	30-3-80
14	Al Hadi	S.S.M.S.C.	Durra	28-3-80
18	Achilleus	Star	Bulk Cement	26-3-80
24	Evyelos	S.A.M.A.	Bagged Cement	13-3-80
28	Laura	Star	Apples/Cheese	31-3-80
30	Mistral Universal	Star	Fruits	31-3-80
36	Tokio Express	Alireza	Containers	31-3-80
38	Noto Maru	Alireza	Steel/F. Lifts/Paints/Gen.	31-3-80
40	Axios	H.T.A.	Tiles/Marble	28-3-80

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
	Rauanfals	Alireza	Containers/Ro Ro	31-3-80
	Noto Maru	Alireza	Containers	31-3-80
	Lantau Trader	S.C.S.A.	Wheat	31-3-80
	Tokio Express	Alireza	Containers	31-3-80
	Mistral Universal	Star	Bananas	31-3-80
	Zacharoula	Star	Durra	31-3-80
	Laura	El Hawi	Apples/Cheese	31-3-80
	San Felice	Bamcoedeh	Bagged Barley	31-3-80
	Mona	BeAboud	Loading Cars	31-3-80
	Helenic Valor	Alpha	Containers/Ro Ro	1-4-80
	Mutsu Maru	Alireza	Vehicles	1-4-80
	Jenka	Barber	Government Cargo	1-4-80

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT, DAMMAM SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON 15.5.1400—1.4.1980/CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS.

Berth	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
2	Arch Angelos-G	UEP	Barley in Bags	28-3-80
6	Finn Sailor	SMC	Gen/Conta.	31-3-80
10	Gulf Karim	Orri	Rice in Bags	27-3-80
19	Tug Dara/Barge no.261	Kanoo	Loading Pipes	28-3-80
21	Pacific Insurer(D.B.)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	29-3-80
23	Mercandian Exporter-11	UEP	Ro Ro	31-3-80
28	Nedon	UEP	Rice-Barley	30-3-80
30	Pacific Mulia	UEP	Timber	31-3-80
32	Tecona	Orri	General	1-4-80
33	Hannah Lu	Gosaibi	Cont/Gen/Steel/Pipes	28-3-80
36	Strahlenfels	Alireza	General	30-3-80
38	Primavera (D.B.)	SMC	Bulk Cement	27-3-80
	Aegis Practic	Saite	Cement in Bags	26-3-80

Arab airlines plan centralized computer reservation system

BAHRAIN, April 1 (R) — Ten Arab airlines are setting up a central computerized reservation system in Bahrain to end their dependence on European and American airlines' computers.

The system, which will cost \$30 to \$40 million and take two-and-a-half years to build, will initially handle reservations for the airlines' 10 million passengers a year. Later it will provide extra services such as computerized checking-in at airports.

At present only Gulf Air, owned jointly by Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has its own computer system. The other airlines — the national carriers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, North and South Yemen and Libya — all depend on links to computer services run by European and U.S. airlines.

Gulf Air's general trading manager, Adil Dajani, said a committee will meet early this month to arrange a conference of all 10 airlines to launch the two companies which will run the system.

The committee will also make a shortlist of companies which have made bids to construct the system, which has been under consideration for three years and has already cost \$1 million in studies.

The airlines will form a holding company to own the system, in which each will probably have an equal share, and an operating company in which they will be represented according to their size and the

amount they use the system.

Saudi Arabia's national carrier Saudia is likely to be the biggest user, followed by Gulf Air.

Iraqi Airways was involved in the project in its early stages but withdrew when Baghdad decided its own central computer for government services would be enough for the airline's needs, Dajani said.

Five of the airlines are also cooperating to buy the same aircraft and equipment so as to economize on storage of spare parts and gain the advantage of making bulk purchases from manufacturers.

"Once you place an order for greater numbers you get a better rate, and exchanging views and studies improves technical knowledge," Dajani said.

Gulf Air and Saudia already have fleets of wide-bodied Lockheed Tristars and the Royal Jordanian Airline, Alia, has decided to order the plane, Dajani said.

But Middle East Airlines (MEA) from Lebanon and Kuwait Airways, have not yet decided whether to buy the Tristar.

Last year the airlines were reported to be planning to buy 25 to 30 long and medium-range planes to replace Boeing 707 and 727 aircraft.

The Tristar, Boeing 757, McDonnell Douglas DC-10 and the European Airbus were all reported under consideration.

The companies already operate closely on routes in the Middle East.

U.K. steel strike ends possible

LONDON, April 1 (AP) — Leaders of Britain's biggest steel unions were scheduled Tuesday to recommend that their 130,000 men end a 13-week-old national strike, after an offer of a 15.9 per cent pay hike by the state-run British Steel Corp. (BSC).

The move raised hopes that the first national steel shutdown since the general strike of 1926 could be over by Thursday. But some regional union leaders warned they will settle for nothing less than the 19.7 per cent hike they have been demanding.

Strike leader Bill Sims, General Secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC), said Monday night that pension payments and other factors will boost the

BSC offer to 17 per cent.

"The difference is no longer sufficient to carry on the strike," he said.

But he and blastfurnacemen's union chief Hector Smith were expected to face a tough time in persuading the steel unions' 61-man negotiation committee to accept the new offer.

Scottish strike leader Pat Shevlin said he was "disappointed and amazed" at Sims' acceptance of the offer. Union organizers in Wales and northern England branded the offer "a load of rubbish."

The increase would boost BSC steelmen's average weekly base rate of 110 pounds (\$242) by 16 pounds (\$36.80).

Market gains, losses, recovers

NEW YORK, April 1 — Stock prices gave up their earlier gains in mid afternoon Monday trading. The DJIA which had been up by more than 6 points was down nearly a point. A late recovery pulled prices up and the DJIA regained its losses.

Closing averages, DJIA 785.75 8.10 DJTA 246.30 4.09 DJTA 99.70 1.97 DJCA 282.72 3.90 volume 36 million adv 1182 Dec 430 und 283 hr's 8 lo's 96 AMEX 233.04 2.99 NASDAQ Comp. 131.00 1.75

News on the day. Machinery tool orders rose 7.1 per cent in Feb. 12 per cent higher than a year ago. Conference board said business confidence index rose in last qtr. to 40 on a scale of 100 based on views of 1,600 chief executives. Feb. construction contracts fell 25 per cent to \$103.9 billion, U.S. leading indicators declined 0.2 per cent in Feb. the 5th consecutive monthly decline, administration sees 1980 inflation rate at 12.8 per cent about 2 per cent higher than earlier forecast. U.S. expects \$16.5 billion surplus in a revised 1981 fiscal budget an earlier forecast 15.8 deficit U.S. merch. trade deficit widened in Feb. on fas basis \$4.41 billion from \$3.6 billion, and the Agricul. Dept. said U.S. March farm prices fell 1.7 per cent from February level.

Growth and glamour issues remained on the upside. Johnson and Johnson up 2 to 71, Eli Lilly up 2 to 50, Merck up 3 1/2 to 67 1/2, Smithkline up 2 1/2 to 51 1/2, Avon rose 1 1/2 to 34 1/2, Burroughs rose 1 1/2 to 66 1/2, Honeywell down 1 1/2 to 72 1/2, Storage Tech. down 1/2 to 13 1/2, Texas Inst. off 1 to 82 1/2.

Hewlett Packard up 2 1/2 to 62 1/2, J. C. Penney up 1 1/2 to 22 1/2, McDonalds up 1 1/2 to 51 1/2, PepsiCo up 1 1/2 to 23 1/2, Procter and Gamble up 2 to 63 1/2, CBS up 1 1/2 to 47 and ABC up 1 1/2 to 32.

In the energy sector, Marathon Oil up 2 1/2 to 55, Getty Oil up 2 to 73, Mesa Petroleum up 1 1/2 to 46 1/2, Std. of Ind. up 2 1/2 to 101, Std. of Ohio up 2 1/2 to 83, Mobil up 1 1/2 to 65 1/2, Eastern Gas and Fuel up 1 to 18 1/2, Dresser up 1/2 to 52 1/2, Hughes Tool down 1/2 to 54, Schlumberger up 4 1/2 to 106 1/2 and Murphy Oil up 2 1/2 to 84 1/2.

Basic industry issues were higher: by 1/2 to 1/2 to unchanged. Colt. Inds. up 1 1/2 to 40, DuPont up 1/2 to 34 1/2, Monsanto down 1/2 to 47, Union Carbide up 1/2 to 38 1/2, Intl. Paper up 1/2 to 33 1/2, Boise Cascade up 1/2 to 29 1/2, Owens Corning up 1/2 to 24 1/2, and Elec. Federation down 1/2 to 22 1/2.

Machinery issues were mixed as were gaming issues. Joy gained 1 1/2 to 29 1/2, Parker Hannifin up 1/2 to 25 1/2, Bally up 1/2 to 21 1/2.

Among the aerospace, airlines and rails, Boeing down 7 to 53 1/2, Northrop up 1/2 to 44 1/2, North-west up 1/2 to 24 1/2, UAL up 1/2 to 18 1/2, Norfolk and Western up 1/2 to 25 1/2, Union Pacific up 1/2 to 83 1/2.

In the metal and precious metals, Alcan up 1/2 to 51 1/2, Kaiser up 1/2 to 19, Newmont Mining up 1 1/2 to 38 1/2, St. Joe Minerals off 1/2 to 41, Dome Mines down 1/2 to 54 1/2, Homestake up 1/2 to 52 1/2, Asa down 1/2 to 40 1/2.

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Even U.S. defense

Government spending slashed

WASHINGTON, April 1 (R) — President Jimmy Carter proposes to slash planned U.S. government spending on everything from defense on down in a drive to curb inflation and create a record \$16.5 billion budget surplus.

Unveiling the details of his ambitious 1981 budget-cutting blueprint Monday the president said such belt tightening is essential if the United States is to start controlling its current 18 per cent annual inflation rate.

Carter, who also said he expects a mild U.S. economic recession later this year, predicted a fierce fight with Congress over spending cuts that are bound to be controversial in this election year.

He vowed to veto any legislation that threatened his main goal of balancing the

Australia, UAE sign agreement

DUBAI, April 1 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Australia have signed a five-year agreement on economic and technical cooperation, including exchange of goods and services, the official Emirates News Agency said.

The agreement was signed by Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Trade Minister Doug Anthony and the UAE Minister for Economy and Trade, Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmed Al-Musali.

Under the agreement the two countries will expand trade and technical cooperation and give facilities to each other's companies, the agency said.

Earlier Anthony met the ruler of Dubai and Vice-President of the UAE, Sheikh Rashid Bin Said Al-Maktoum, and visited Dubai's \$1.3 billion aluminium smelter, which imports much of its raw materials from Australia.

The balance of trade in 1978 between the two countries favored the UAE, the news agency said. The UAE exported oil worth about \$80 million to Australia and imported goods worth about \$60 million in return.

Anthony left Tuesday for Malaysia before returning home. The UAE is the last leg of a Gulf tour to promote trade which has taken him to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Oman.

budget for the first time since 1969.

The two main surprises in his plan were that it would go even beyond the cost-cutting targets he first outlined on March 14 and would extend into the area of defense spending.

By a combination of reduced spending and increased revenue collections, Carter's revised 1981 budget would produce a \$16.5 billion surplus — one third bigger than the previous high of \$12 billion recorded in 1948.

When the president announced two weeks ago that he intended to remodel his original 1981 budget proposal, he said he would aim for a \$13 billion surplus.

The original budget foresaw a \$15.8 billion deficit.

This one would finance \$611.5 billion in spending with \$628 billion in revenues, boosted partly by new fees on imported oil.

The list of proposed spending reductions — totalling \$15 billion — included a \$1 billion cut in the amount originally intended to be spent on defense next year.

The savings would lower the overall defense budget to about \$141 billion. They would be achieved by such means as reducing planned purchases of aircraft and other weapons and cutting back on military research.

Many analysts had assumed that the heightened concern for national security, brought about the Iran and Afghan crisis would put defense beyond the reach of the budget cutters.

Examples of other proposed reducing included a \$2.2 billion cut in anti-recession aid to states and cities, a real hot potato in an election year, potential reductions in government worker pensions and delay in welfare reform plans.

Jordan receives World Bank loan

WASHINGTON, April 1 (R) — The World Bank announced a \$10 million loan to help improve education, health and water supply services and increase income standards in less developed areas of Jordan.

The loan is for 17 years, including four years of grace, at an 8.25 per cent annual interest rate.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Al-Mujahideen	Repairs to subsidiary office in Mecca and construction of two halls	20	500	April 13
Directorate of Education, Al-Washm Municipality of Neahria	Construction of three schools in Al-Washm Supply of drinking water to citizens	18/17	100	May 17
Air Force Command	Construction of a guard building at Prince Fahd Air Base in Taif		500	April 20
Municipality of Mecca	Construction of public parks Aerial spray of insecticides for 1980/81	21	500	April 21
Directorate of Education, Medina	Construction of sixth lot of schools	16	200	April 28

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Rates for the IMF's SDR	
Mar. 28	Mar. 27
1.25570	1.25816
1.15936	UNAV
17.3425	127.218
38.9267	33.7828
1.49039	1.49394
2.42325	2.40749
5.59039	5.56987
88.4925	88.6882
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2.04950	2.64025
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0.577286	0.577800
4.18776	4.19256
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5.58410	UNAV
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Mar. 26 Closing	Mar. 31 Closing
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1410-1408	1411-1412
1412-1420	1420-1424
1453-1453	1462-1461
1468-1485	1484-1482
1520-1495	1510-1505

COFFEE		قهوة	
£ per tonne			
1643-1642	1617-1615		
1664-1661	1845-1643		
1692-1691	1874-1672		
1694-1678	1672-1671		
1695-1650	1668-1660		
1650-1630	1639-1610		
876 lots of 5 tonnes.			
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cas	182.50	181.50	

per cwt	177.24	177.48
average	174.88	173.63
1968	188.00	195.00
1969	203.00	202.50
1970	186.83	185.67
1971	194.87	194.16

مطابق

Pence per Kilo	
65.40-65.45	65.80-65.70
65.90-67.00	66.45-66.85
67.50-73.00	69.00-70.20
73.50-75.60	73.15-73.20
76.00-78.00	76.70-75.60
78.50-80.00	78.30-78.50
80.50-83.00	80.90-81.00
83.50-84.90	84.40-83.55
85.00-90.00	85.00-85.00

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£ per long ton	
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297.00	297.00

WHEAT القمح	
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HE PUT A SILVER STAR IN MY PAY ENVELOPE

WHAT GOOD IS A SILVER STAR?

WHEN I GET SIX OF THEM I GET A GOLD ONE

BEETLE BAILEY

I THINK YOU GOT MY LAUNDRY MIXED UP WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S

YOU'RE THE SECOND GUY TODAY WHO SAID THAT

WAS THE FIRST GUY A BASKETBALL PLAYER?

HAGAR

HAGAR WAS A FAMOUS 'GIRL WATCHER' WHEN HE WAS YOUNG

OF COURSE HE'S CHANGED A LOT...

WIZARD

DRAT!...THIS INCANTATION CALLS FOR BAT HAIR...

...WHICH I'M OUT OF!

BLANCH, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE 'MADAME CURIE OF ID'?

DENNIS THE MENACE



"YUK! THAT WAS THE LOUSIEST SODA POP I EVER TASTED!"

"HEY! WHO DRANK MY BEER?"

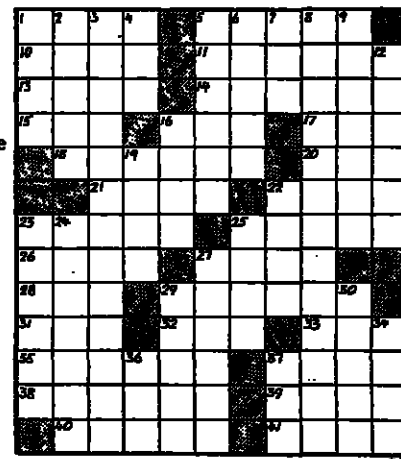
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Crossword
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Julia Ward - 2 Wm
 - 3 Soprano
 - 4 District of England
 - 5 Face shape
 - 6 Maxims
 - 7 Trust
 - 8 Measuring device
 - 9 Without delay
 - 10 Do the predictable
 - 11 Ripen
 - 12 Squirrel
 - 13 Argyle part
 - 14 Monkey
 - 15 Toward
 - 16 Toward apex
 - 17 Performs
 - 18 Greek island
 - 19 Left Bank
 - 20 Melody
 - 21 Orchestrate
 - 22 Greek island
 - 23 Left Bank
 - 24 Establishment
 - 25 Dirt
 - 26 1936 nickname
 - 27 Tutor
 - 28 Falling out
 - 29 "said" before
 - 30 Like a fiddle
 - 31 Melodic
 - 32 Went astride
 - 33 Acrimonious
 - 34 Impertinent
 - 35 Task var.
 - 36 Cagney film
 - 37 Israeli dance

DOWN

- 1 Range of hills
- 2 "Greece" fan
- 3 Japanese river
- 4 Toupee: sl.
- 5 Egyptian
- 6 Of heat
- 7 Volcanic
- 8 Stringent
- 9 Niggard
- 10 Range of hills
- 11 "Greece" fan
- 12 Japanese river
- 13 Toupee: sl.



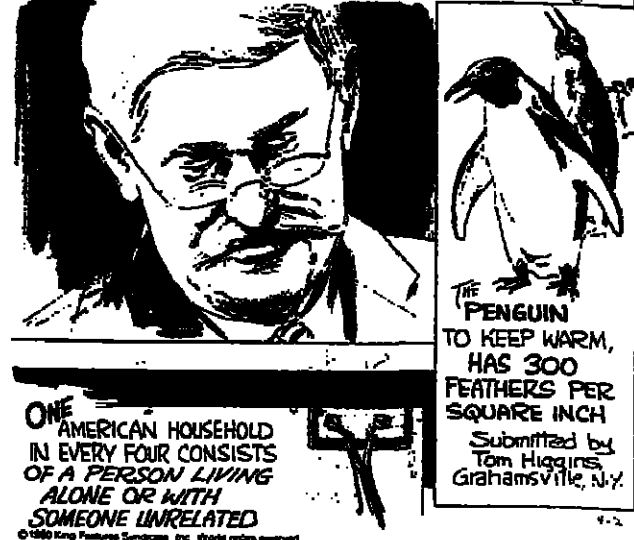
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

OFGQUF MC XC IZKS HRT
OZWCT HRT YFZRO HRT MGWR.
PG. HPP OFZRU I KHR XC
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Contract Bridge: B. Jay Becker

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♠ 9 4
♥ 10 5
♦ K 8 2
♣ K J 6 3

WEST

♠ A Q J 8 7 6
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 5

EAST

♠ 5 2
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 8 7 4

SOUTH

♠ K 10 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ 10 5
♣ A Q 10 9 2

The bidding:

West North East South
2♣ Pass 3NT
Pass 3NT

Opening lead — queen of spades.

One effect of playing weak two bids is that it may cause the opponents to bid off more than they can chew. Just as with most preemptive bids, weak two are a challenge of sorts to the enemy, who often overreach themselves because they overreact and bid a game or a slam that their combined values do not warrant.

Consider this deal from a team of four match. At the first table, the bidding went as shown and North-South got to three notrump with only 25 high-card points. However, declarer made the contract.

West made the inspired opening lead of a diamond and East-West thereupon chopped declarer to bits. East won the diamond lead with the jack and returned a spade, taken by West with the jack.

West played another diamond, won by East with the queen, and East led another spade. As a result of these plays, East-West scored six spade tricks and three diamonds to put the contract down five — 500 points — a dreadful penalty to pay for a reasonable though adventurous undertaking.

The lesson of the hand lies not so much in demonstrating the advantage or disadvantage of weak two bids as it does in the fine judgment displayed by West at the second table in choosing what turned out to be the killing lead.

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Medina 4:58	6:12	12:32	4:00	6:41	8:11
Nejd 3:29	5:48	12:02	3:29	6:10	7:40

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street 1233
5:35 The Champions	The Mission
6:25 Mork & Mindy	Mork's Greatest Hit
6:49 Firehouse	Hottest Place in Town
7:18 Persuasion	Episode 2
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2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Key to their Success
2:20 On Islam
2:30 A Chat and a Song
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Science Journal
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:40 —
3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission

- 9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Gems of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Jeddah Highlights
9:45 Companions of the Prophet
10:00 A Viewpoint
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Sound Sweet and Strange
11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
11:15 Sound Latin
11:45 On Islam
12:00 Concert Choice
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
01:00 Closedown

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- 8:00 News Roundup
Reports: Actualities
Opinion: Analyses
8:30 Dateline
News Summary
9:00 Special English:
News: Feature, The
Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup
Reports: Actualities
10:05 Opening: Analyses

- News Summary
10:30 VOC Magazine
America: Letter
Cultural: Letter
11:00 Special English: News
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Midnight

- 12:00 News newsmakers'
voices correspondents
reports background
features media
comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

- 8.00 World News
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
8.30 Sarah Ward
8.45 World Today
9.00 Newsdesk
9.30 Opera Star
10.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10.30 Sarah Ward
10.45 Something to
Show You
11.00 World News
11.09 Reflections
11.15 Piano Style
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978
12.00 World News
12.09 British Press Review
12.15 World Today
12.30 Financial News
12.40 Look Ahead
12.45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmission

- 1.15 Ulster in Focus
1.30 Discovery
2.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain
2.15 Alphabet of Musical
Curios
2.30 Sports International
2.40 Radio Newsreel
3.15 Promenade Concert
3.45 Sports Round-up

- 4.00 World News
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours:
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4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
5.15 Report on Religion
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6.15 Outlook
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1.35 Book Choice
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2.00 World News
2.09 Commentary
2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
You may be excited about a work project, but the going may be more difficult than anticipated. The p.m. finds you in an exasperated mood.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Problems with children may interfere with a planned activity. A date may be worried or somewhat inhibited. Be patient.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20) ♊
A problem at home may demand your attention. Try to keep your mind on work, even if routine seems somewhat humdrum at present.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22) ♋
If you say the wrong thing, don't get down on yourself. You could take a little thing and turn it into a needless worry.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
You could be somewhat uprooted about a money matter. Be realistic about debts, and don't imagine the worst is going to happen.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Worry or responsibility could make you tactless. A

close one may be somewhat evasive. Remember that old adage about positive thinking.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
A financial tip may not be as wonderful as you think. Be careful in monetary dealings. Others may be deceptive or unreliable.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
You may be hoping to meet some important people at a get-together. Instead, you're liable to be confronted with friends with problems.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Something you're secretly hoping for careerwise may not come through now. Learn to keep your expectations within reasonable limits.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Be less critical of a friend's shortcomings. Still, don't go to the other extreme and be taken for a fool. Others may be manipulative.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
There may be a delay in expected financing for a career project. A friend may be off base in his thinking re the above.

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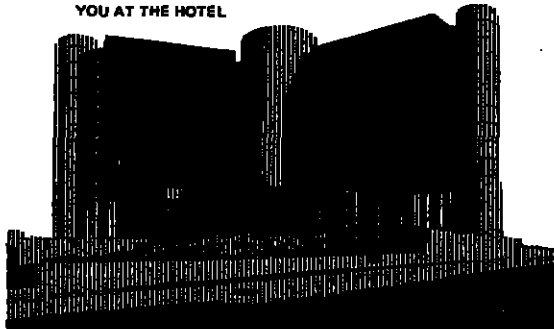
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Bani-Sadr offers new custody plan

TEHRAN, April 1 (AP) — Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr said Tuesday he would take control of the American hostages if the U.S. government pledged to abstain from all hostile acts and propaganda against Iran until the hostages' fate is decided by the new parliament. There were conflicting reports about how the militants holding the hostages reacted to the plan.

The National Broadcasting Company (NBC), an American network, quoted the militants as saying that, in accordance with Ayatollah Khomeini's line, they would not surrender control of the captives until the new Iranian parliament meets. Canadian Press said a spokesman for the militants denied the NBC report but refused to say what the militants would do.

President Jimmy Carter responded to the Bani-Sadr offer by deferring imposition of further sanctions against Iran.

Angry shouts and boos from a throng of 200,000 Iranians greeted Bani-Sadr's announcement of the transfer offer, made at a rally in Tehran celebrating the first anniversary of the Islamic Iranian republic. But Bani-Sadr tried to calm the crowd by saying: "I emphasize to you that the hostages will not be freed until the Shah is extradited."

Bani-Sadr's speech was preceded by a message from Khomeini, read by his son Ahmad, in which he castigated Carter and reaffirmed that the hostages would not be freed until the new Majlis is elected, meets and decides what to do with them.

The parliament is not expected to get to the hostage crisis before midsummer.

Khomeini's message referred to his regime's version — denied by Washington —

of two messages Carter sent to the Iranian government last week and said:

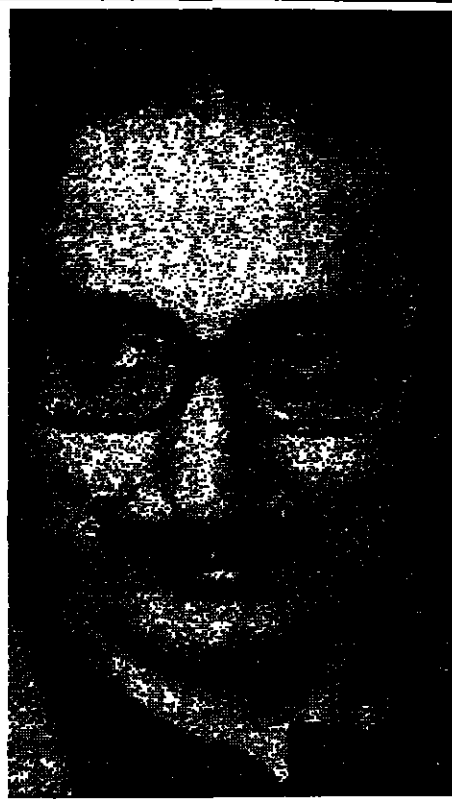
"Mr. Carter must realize that by sending the ousted Shah to Egypt, apologizing for past mistakes and confessing to America's treacheries against the oppressed nations, including Iran, and then asking me to find a solution for the espionage den (Khomeini's term for the U.S. embassy in Tehran), he is following the wrong path."

"The solution of this problem cannot be dealt with by anyone but the noble Iranian nation and the Islamic Majlis, elected by the nation. He (Carter) must realize that his support for the ousted Shah after so many crimes and great betrayals as well as so much plundering does not leave room for an honorable solution of the issue."

Khomeini made no mention of the proposal to transfer custody of the 50 Americans in the embassy from the young militants who have been holding them since Nov. 4. But a spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry said on Monday that nothing would be done about the hostages unless the ayatollah approved it.

Carter conferred Monday with his national security advisers about new retaliatory measures if the Iranian government did not make concrete moves to resolve the crisis. He also met with congressional leaders, and one of them, Senator Bob Packwood, told reporters afterward: "Tomorrow (Tuesday) is the deadline, and tomorrow he will announce what he is going to do. I think he has decided in his own mind that tomorrow is the deadline."

Bani-Sadr met Monday with representatives of the embassy militants in an apparent



President Bani-Sadr

attempt to pressure them into handing over the hostages. Since he was elected president in January, he has repeatedly attacked the embassy militants for their refusal to recognize his authority and that of the Revolutionary Council.

Whenever a showdown came, however, Khomeini always backed the militants. This occurred last in early March, during the visit of a U.N. investigating commission that was supposed to ease the crisis. The militants agreed to turn over their captives to the Revolutionary Council but then laid down conditions which the council and the U.N. panel rejected. The ayatollah endorsed the militants' demands.

Dollar up worldwide; gold static

LONDON, April 1 (AP) — The dollar soared on world foreign exchanges Tuesday, gaining nearly 3 marks in Germany and forcing Japan to turn to the Swiss Central Bank for support in defending the yen.

Gold prices were little changed in quiet trading, while silver rose slightly.

At the start of the trading day, the dollar leaped ahead in the Far East to cross the 250-yen mark and close at 253.65 yen, its highest level since Oct. 21, 1977. It had closed Monday at 249.75 yen.

Dealers said the Bank of Japan spent an estimated \$42 million trying in vain to stem the flow.

As trading ended, a 1.5 billion Swiss franc swap agreement with the Swiss Central Bank was announced to bolster the yen. The agreement is worth nearly a billion dollars.

When foreign exchanges opened in Europe, the dollar surged ahead, following Monday's sharp gains.

Dealers continued to cite the high level of U.S. interest rates — nearly 20 per cent — as the magnet attracting foreigners to the dollar, which is at its highest levels for two years against most currencies.

This outweighs any political uncertainties, one London dealer said, although he noted that the dollar's advance was slowed by Tuesday's news from Tehran that there would be no immediate transfer of hostages from the besieged U.S. embassy.

The dollar is still far below the levels it held for most of the post-World War II era until mounting U.S. trade deficits and inflation caused the world financial community to question the health of the American economy and power of the dollar.

Meanwhile, London's big five bullion houses fixed the morning gold price at \$501.50 a troy ounce, down from \$507.50 at Monday's close. In Zurich, the metal sold for \$500.50, up from \$497. Earlier, gold dropped \$16.45 in Hong Kong to close at \$495.97.

Silver was trading in London at \$14.50 an ounce, up from \$13.75 late Monday but still searching for a settled level after its panicky crash from a mid-January peak around \$50. The sharp fall in silver prices forced the Hunt brothers, guardians of the vast H. L. Hunt Texas oil fortune, to scramble for cover, having accumulated a hoard of some 200 million ounces on margin account.

They have turned over valuable Alaskan oil holdings and put up Eurocurrency bonds, backed by silver, to raise cash to cover their dramatic losses.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

	Tuesday	Monday
London	502.50	507.50
Paris	498.52	496.56
Frankfurt	504.66	496.03
Zurich	514.50	496.50
Hong Kong	495.97	(Holiday)

Tito's condition said unchanged

BELGRADE, April 1 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said Tuesday his condition remained essentially unchanged on the 82nd day of his hospitalization.

Their report marked the end of a second consecutive week during which no deterioration was reported in the condition of the gravely ill 87-year-old Yugoslav president.

"The health condition of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito is without significant changes compared to the previous day," the doctors said in a brief advisory.

"Intensive treatment continues," they said in the bulletin.

Tito was suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness, pneumonia and a tendency toward bleeding — all complications which developed after the Jan. 20 amputation of his left leg.

U.S., Chinese to explore Yangtze

SAN DIEGO, California, April 1 (LAT) — A U.S. government research vessel has begun a historic 20,000-mile journey to open a three-year marine environmental study, the first such cooperative venture between the United States and Communist China.

One goal of this effort is to gain new insights into the forces that gave birth to ancient rivers that once drained into submerged continents.

When the 303-foot, 3,800-ton *Oceanographer* steams up the Chang Jiang (Yangtze) River in early June, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship will be the first U.S. government vessel to enter Chinese waters in more than 30 years.

American and Chinese oceanographers will spend about a month studying the currents, sedimentation processes, marine geology and life forms along the broad continental shelf of the East China Sea.

The region is considered a unique natural laboratory in which to study the complex effects of large sedimental discharges according to American scientists in the project. The scientists held a news conference here before the *Oceanographer* departed.

The China visit lies at the end of a long trans-Pacific scientific voyage for the ship.

Its first mission is to recover and replace deep-sea data-gathering moorings near the junction of the equator and 110 degrees west longitude (more than 2,000 miles off the South American coast), said to be a key loca-

tion for long-term studies of the equatorial ocean's influence on climate.

The first mission of the voyage, called Equatorial Pacific Ocean climate Studies (EPOCS), is part of a broad effort to investigate the apparent link between changing sea surface temperatures at the equator and shifts in global weather and climate, said Ants Leetmaa, chief scientist of EPOCS.

The *Oceanographer* will sail then for the Sulu Sea southwest of the Philippines, where U.S. and Filipino researchers will conduct a three-week study of large, slow sub-surface waves, called internal waves, that may be a force over continental shelves and seem to be caused primarily by tides and the interaction between waves and atmospheric disturbances.

According to John R. Apel, project director and head of the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, similar waves have been spotted in New York bay between New Jersey and Long Island by satellites. But, he said, the internal waves in the Sulu Sea "appear to be the largest and fastest ever observed."

Apel said researchers will try to determine how such waves are generated and study their physical characteristics.

From the Sulu Sea the *Oceanographer* will head for Naha, Okinawa, where the first group of Chinese *Oceanographer* will be waiting to board.

The East China Sea, according to Richard

Frank, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, provides a unique opportunity to study intense sedimentation in a shallow sea.

"The sediment discharge of the Chang Jiang is large and the continental shelf of this estuary is one of the widest in the world," he said. "By studying the mechanisms of sedimentation in this area, we will gain an understanding of the processes — physical, chemical and geological — that have formed sediments in our own country and worldwide. Similar processes occur off the U.S. coast, but nowhere on a scale comparable to that in the East China Sea."

The river is the world's fourth largest in the amount of sediment deposited in the ocean (about 500 million tons a year) and the third largest in terms of water discharge (7,500 billion cubic meters annually), according to a spokesman for the U.S.-China marine sediments study.

The river, he said, also drains a region where the great drifting plates of continents collide, a process that may have played a role in the formation of ancient rivers.

The researcher also will be studying the transfer of water and sediment from the river into the estuary and, in the estuary, they will measure the vertical distribution of temperatures, salinity, suspended particulates, dissolved nutrients and trace metals as well as current speed and direction.

Much of the data collected by the *Oceanographer* feeds directly from sensors into a large computer aboard the ship, permitting scientists to interpret the information instantaneously.

The upcoming China visit is the first of three phases of the project. The data gathered and joint research activities developed will shape the program's future expeditions.

At least two such voyages are planned, one in summer, the other in late autumn or early winter, both taking into consideration the sharply different seasonal conditions of estuary-ocean behavior.

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